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SPIDER-MAN

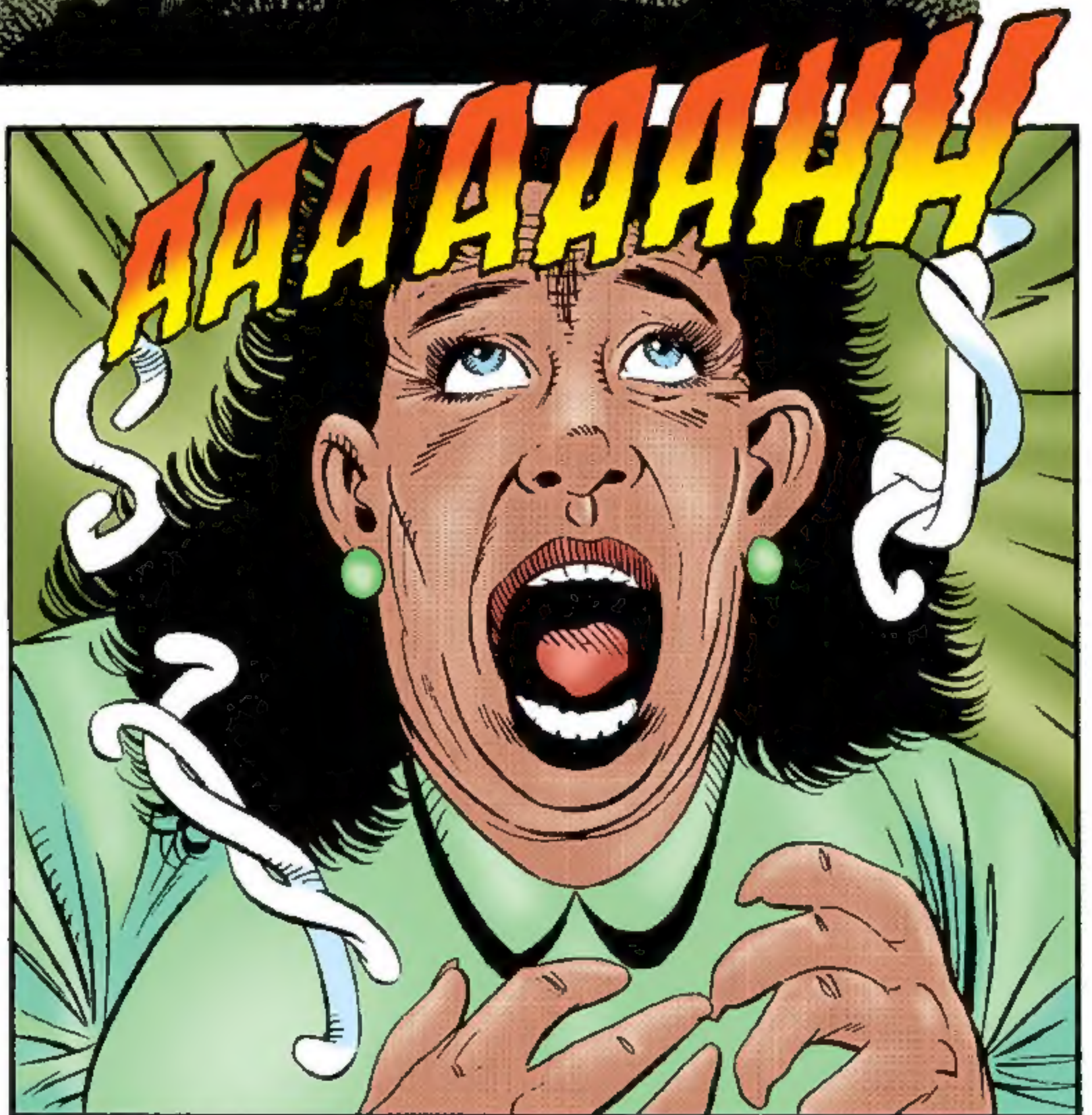
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PRESENTS!

HOME AGAIN HOME AGAIN

I MADE IT!
I'M BACK UPTOWN
AGAIN! I'M--

--HOME?

Uh-oh.

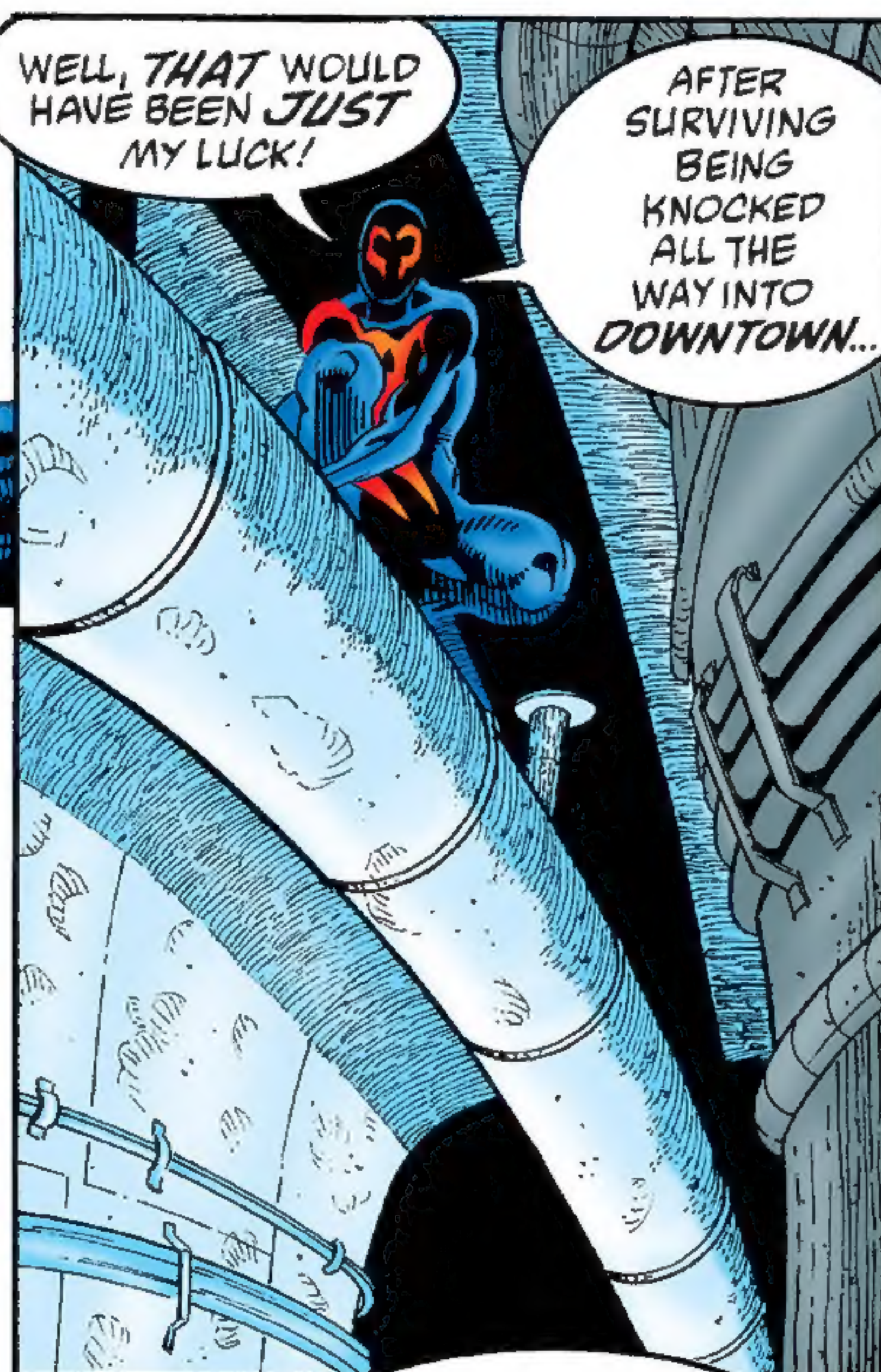
HEY!
WATCH OUT,
YOU NUT!

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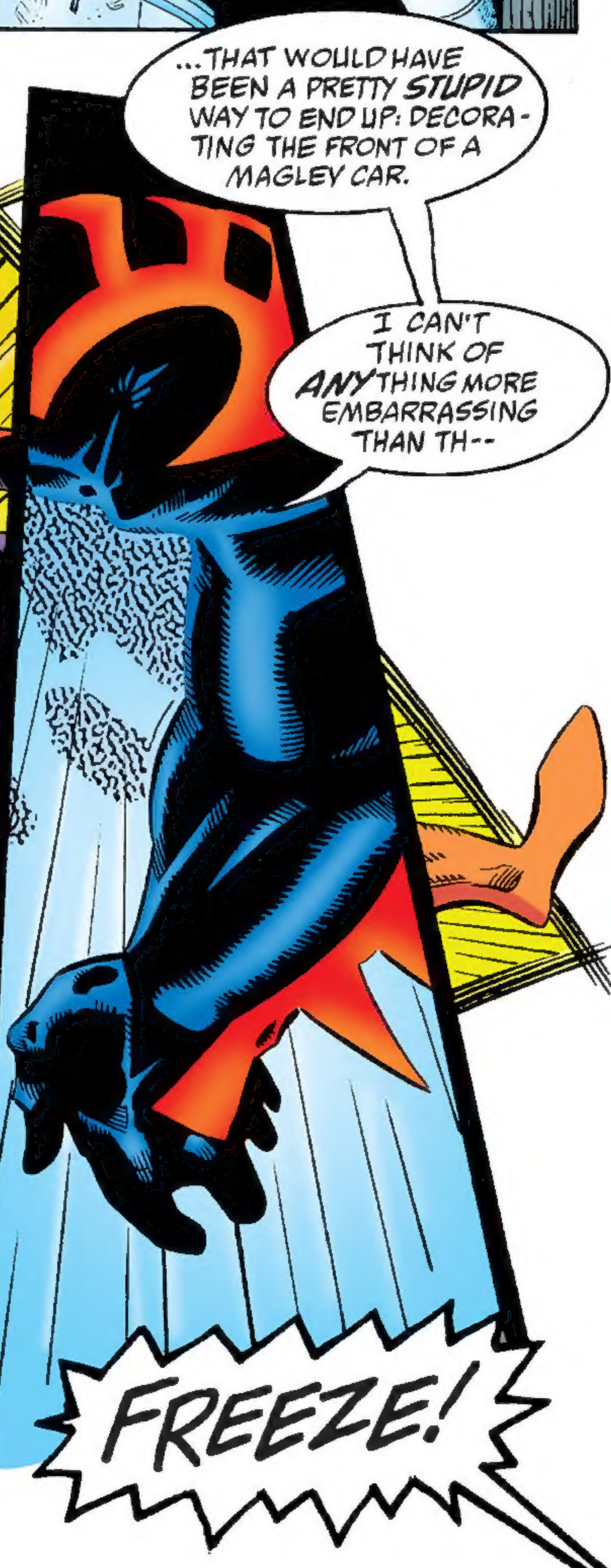


WELL, THAT WOULD
HAVE BEEN *JUST*
MY LUCK!

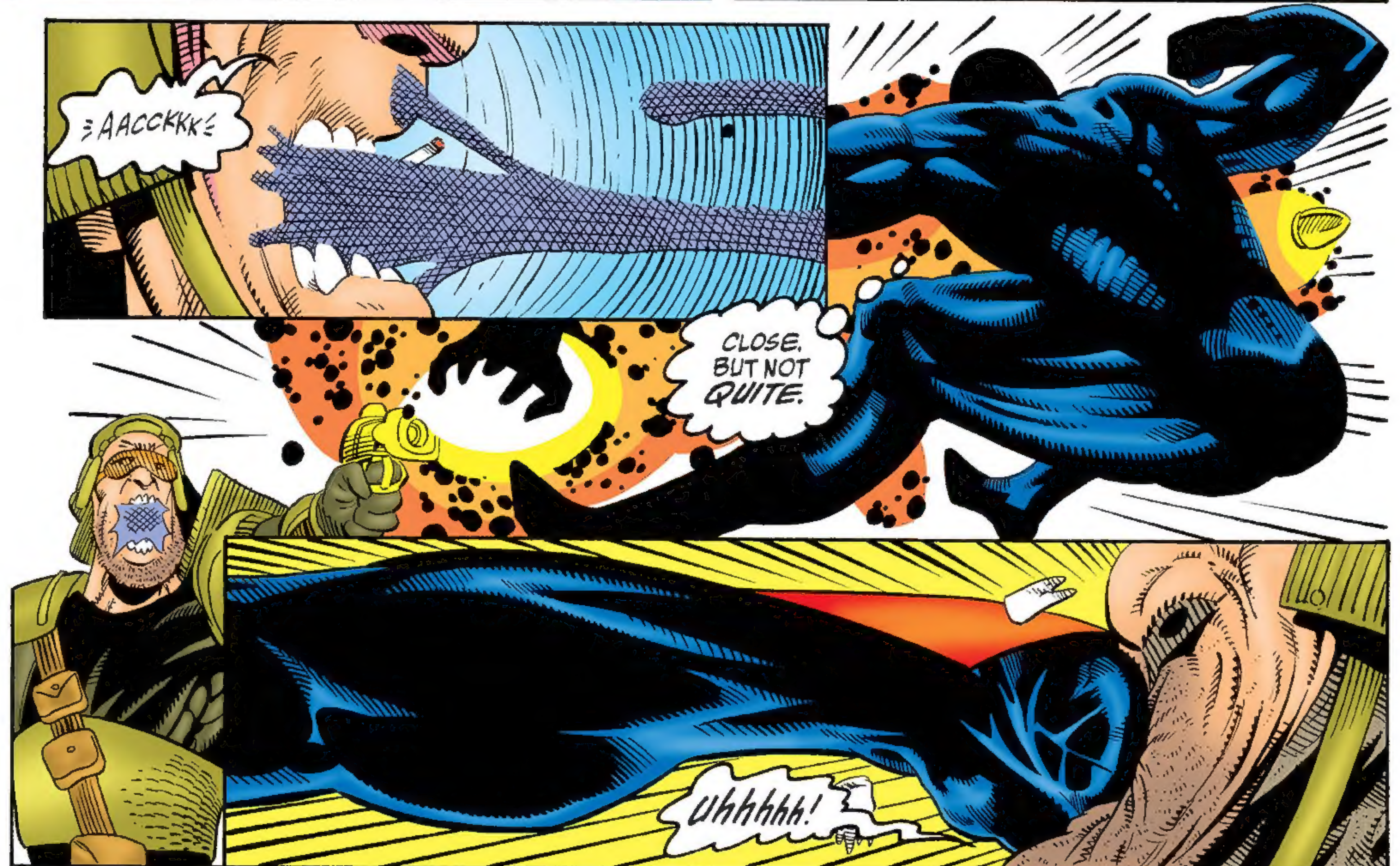
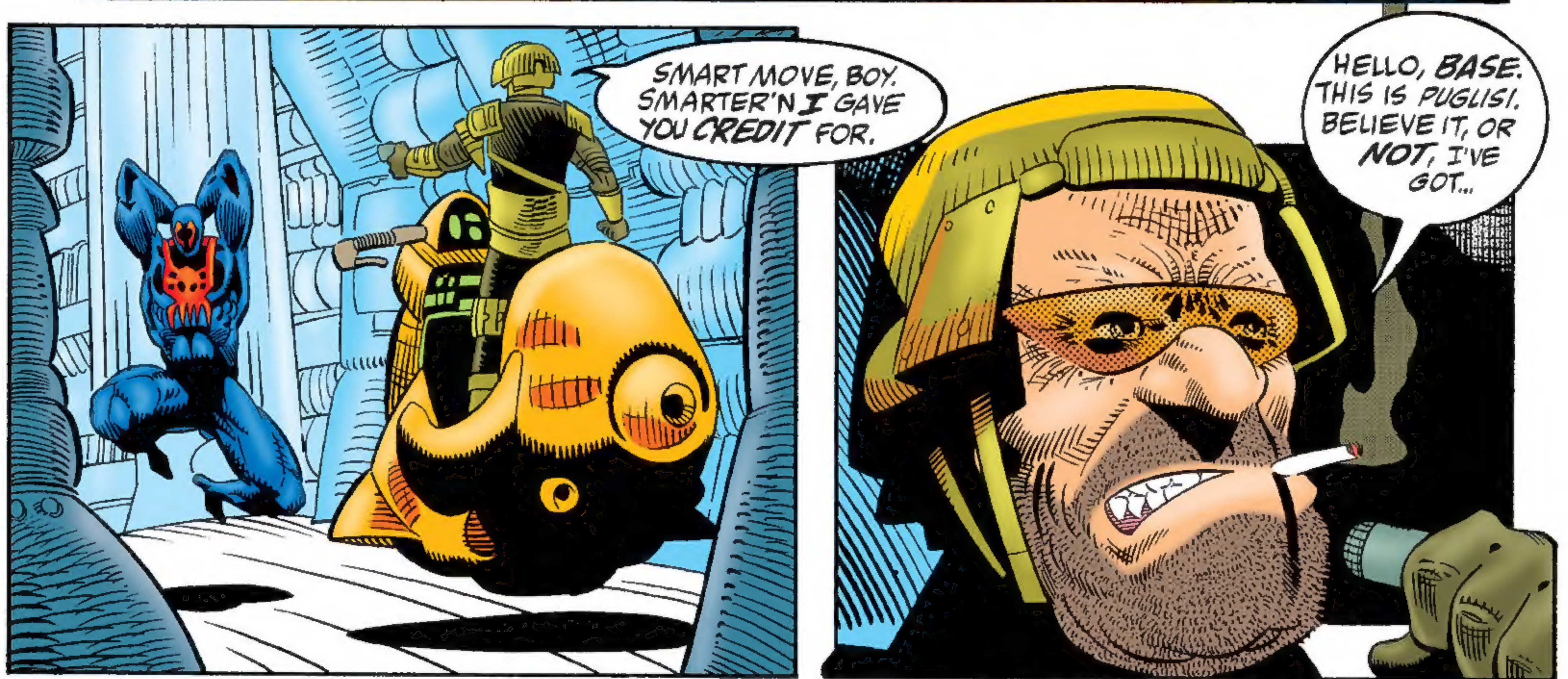
AFTER
SURVIVING
BEING
KNOCKED
ALL THE
WAY INTO
DOWNTOWN...

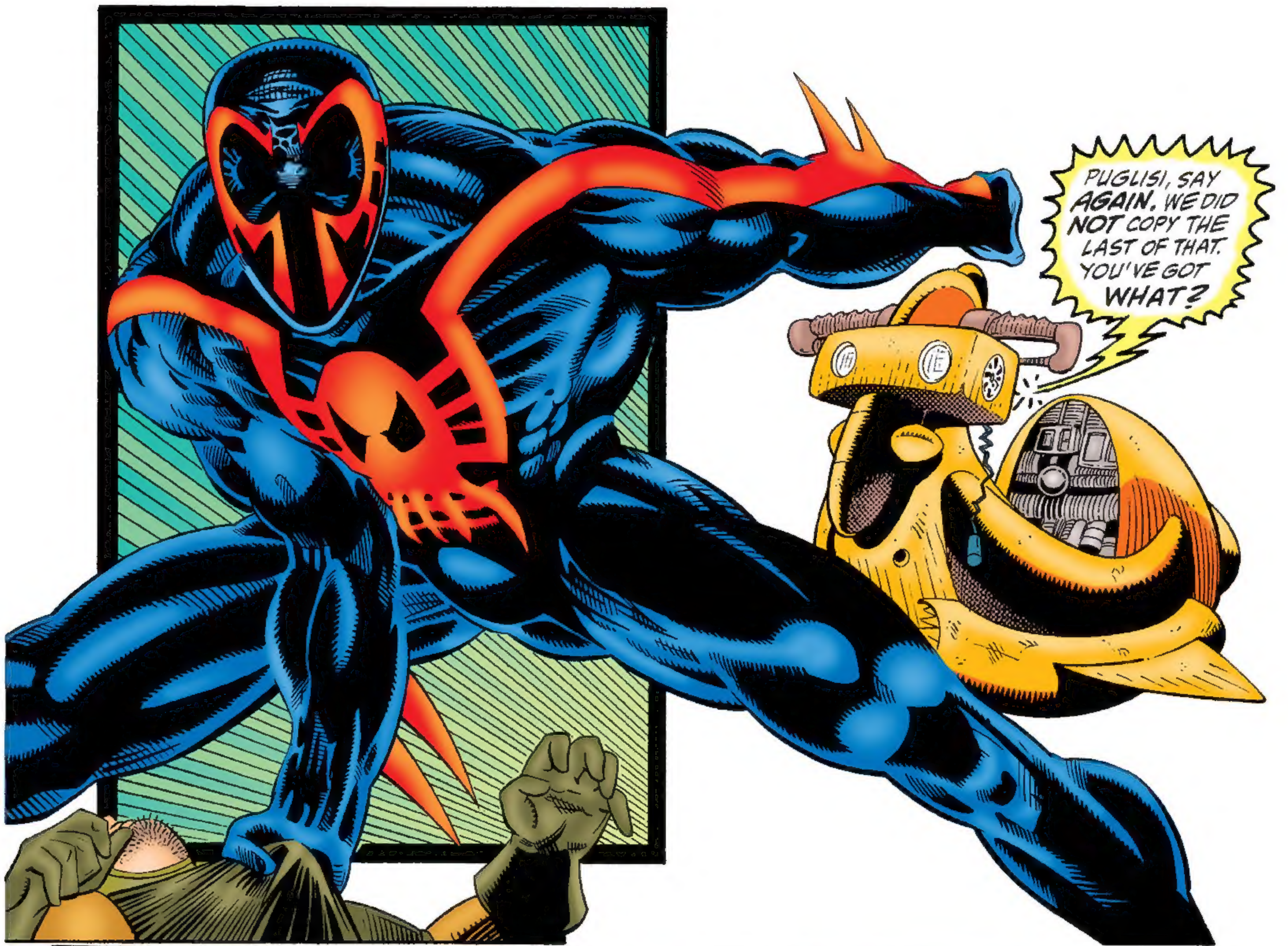


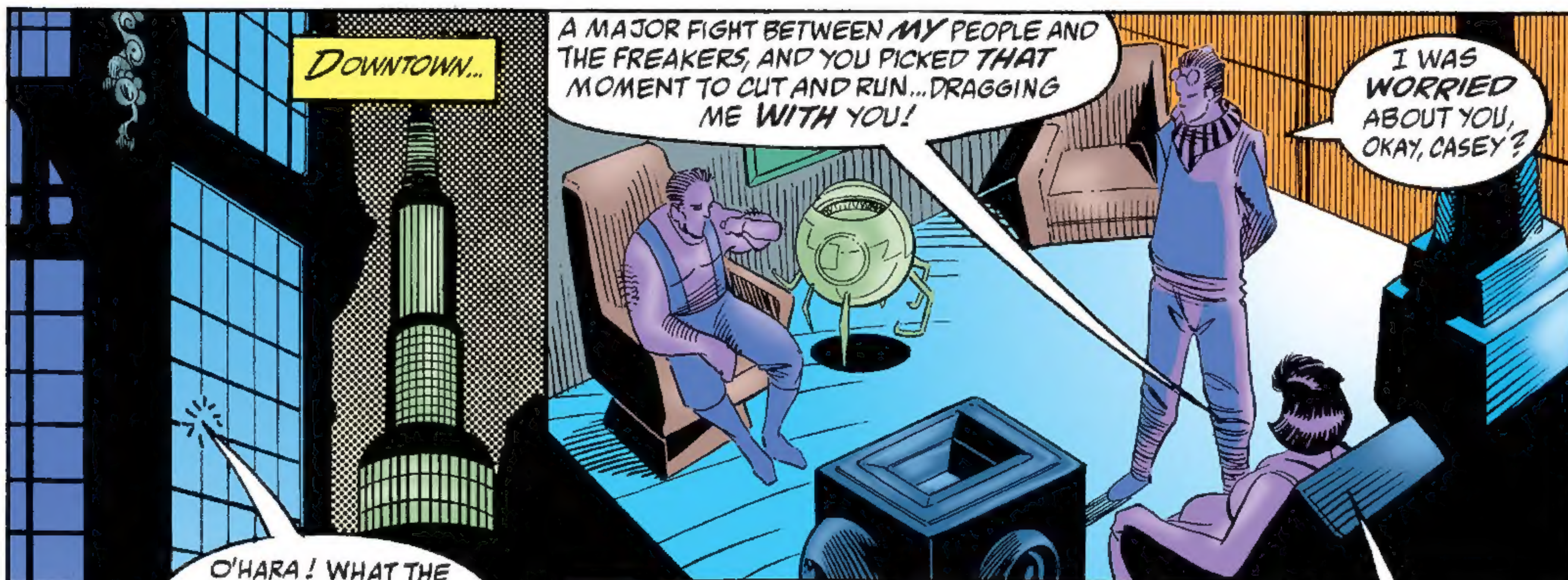
...AND COMING OUT
ON TOP WITH THAT
VULTURE
MANIAC...



FREEZE!







DOWNTOWN...

A MAJOR FIGHT BETWEEN MY PEOPLE AND THE FREAKERS, AND YOU PICKED THAT MOMENT TO CUT AND RUN... DRAGGING ME WITH YOU!

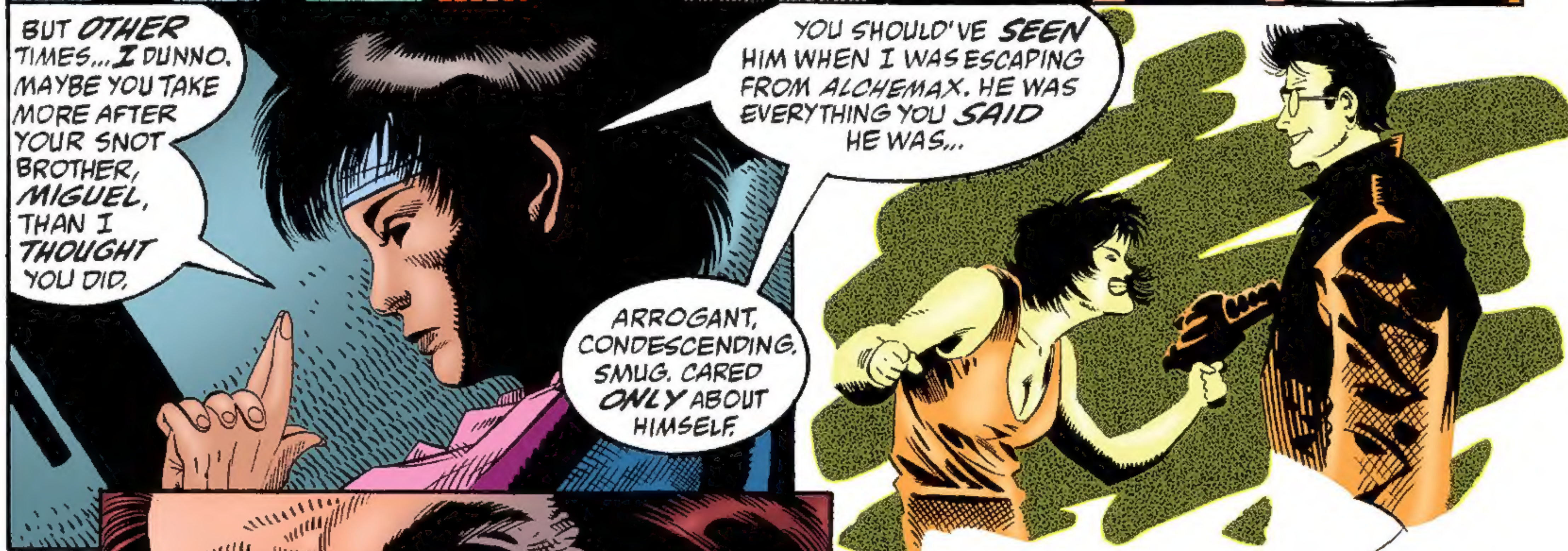
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, OKAY, CASEY?

O'HARA! WHAT THE SHOCK DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING? HUH? WERE YOU THINKING?!



NO, IT'S NOT OKAY! I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!

I REALLY WONDER ABOUT YOU, O'HARA, I MEAN, SOMETIMES YOU SHOW THAT YOU'VE GOT REAL POTENTIAL.



BUT OTHER TIMES... I DUNNO. MAYBE YOU TAKE MORE AFTER YOUR SNOT BROTHER, MIGUEL, THAN I THOUGHT YOU DID.

YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN HIM WHEN I WAS ESCAPING FROM ALCHEMAX. HE WAS EVERYTHING YOU SAID HE WAS...

ARROGANT, CONDESCENDING, SMUG. CARED ONLY ABOUT HIMSELF.



WELL, Y'KNOW... MAYBE HE'S NOT AS BAD AS ALL THAT.

WHAT, NOW YOU'RE DEFENDING HIM? WHAT IS IT WITH YOU TODAY, O'HARA?

YOU KNOW WHO **I** WAS IMPRESSED BY. THAT SPIDER-GUY.

I **CAUGHT** A BIT OF IT WHEN HE WAS SLUGGING IT OUT WITH THE FREAKERS, AND THEN WHEN HE WAS TAKING ON THE VULTURE **BEFORE** THEY GOT OUT OF SIGHT.

NOW **THERE'S** A GUY WITH JUICE.

YEAH, YOU'RE NOT **KIDDIN'**, RAFF.

IT'S TAKEN A **WHILE** FOR IT TO SINK IN ON ME THAT HE GOT INTO ALL THIS BECAUSE HE RISKED HIS **LIFE** FOR ME...

...ME, A TOTAL **STRANGER**. HE'S A **GENUINE** CLASS ACT. BRAVE, GUTSY.

MAN, IF WE HAD **HIM** AS PART OF THE THROWBACKS, WE COULD **ROCK** THIS TOWN. AND I GOTTA ADMIT, I JUST **LOVE** A MAN IN BLACK.

ESPECIALLY WHEN HE HAS THE **TIGHTEST** LITTLE...

Uh...

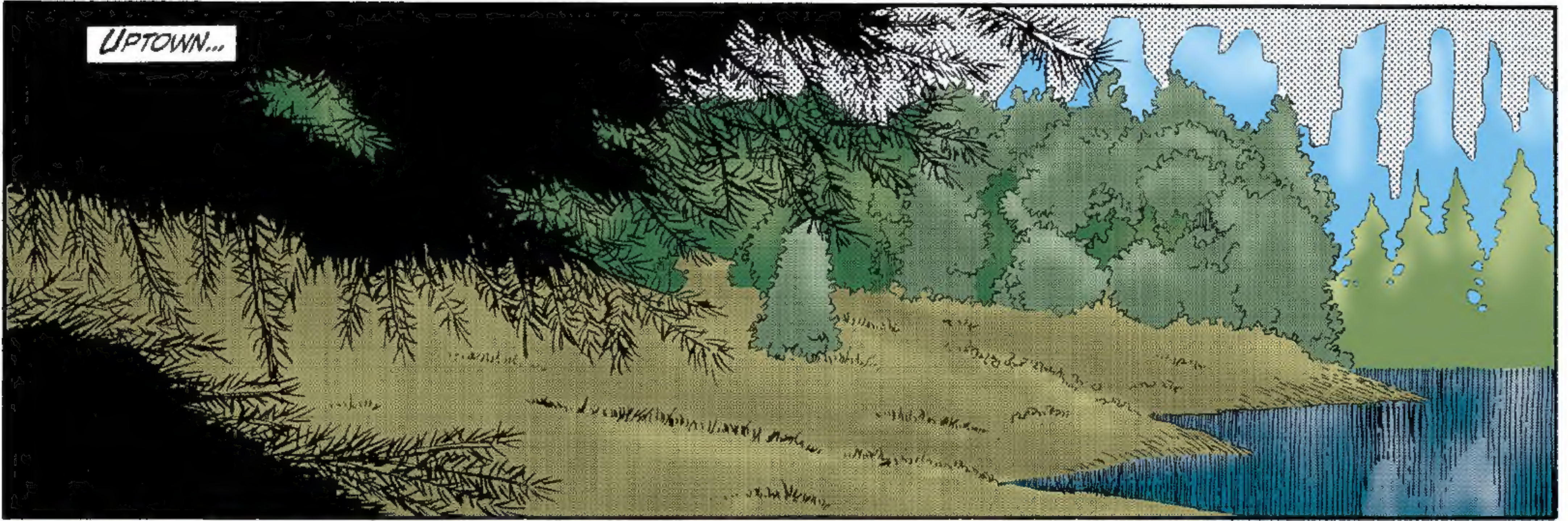
OH, O'HARA, WIPE THAT **SCOWL** OFF YOUR FACE.

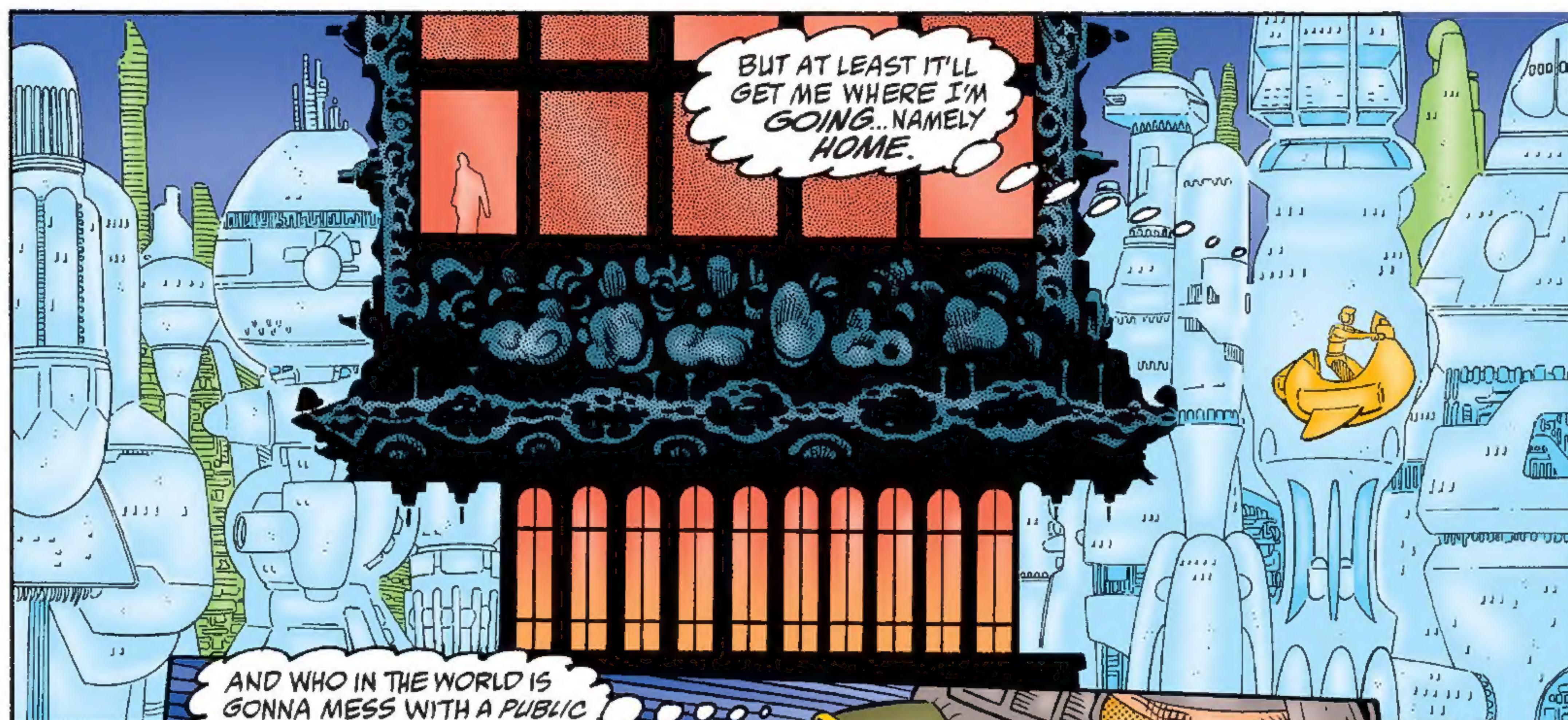
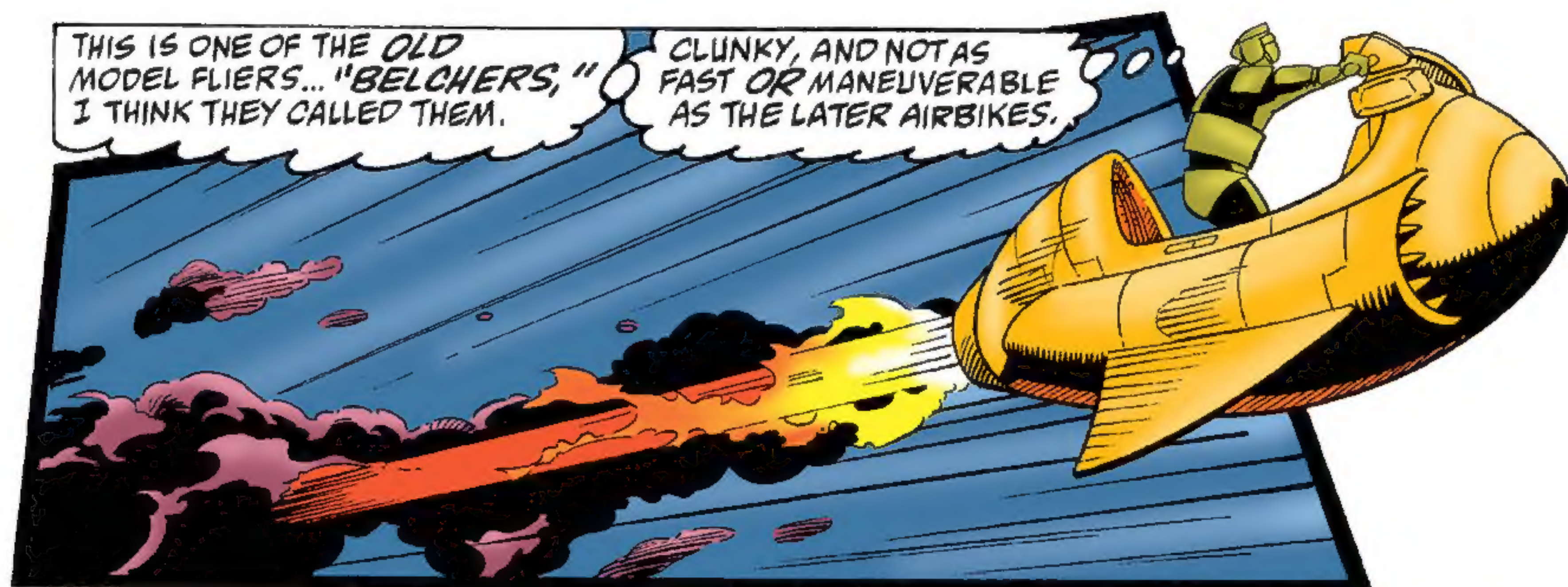
DON'T FEEL **THREATENED** BY SOME HARMLESS FANTASIZING.

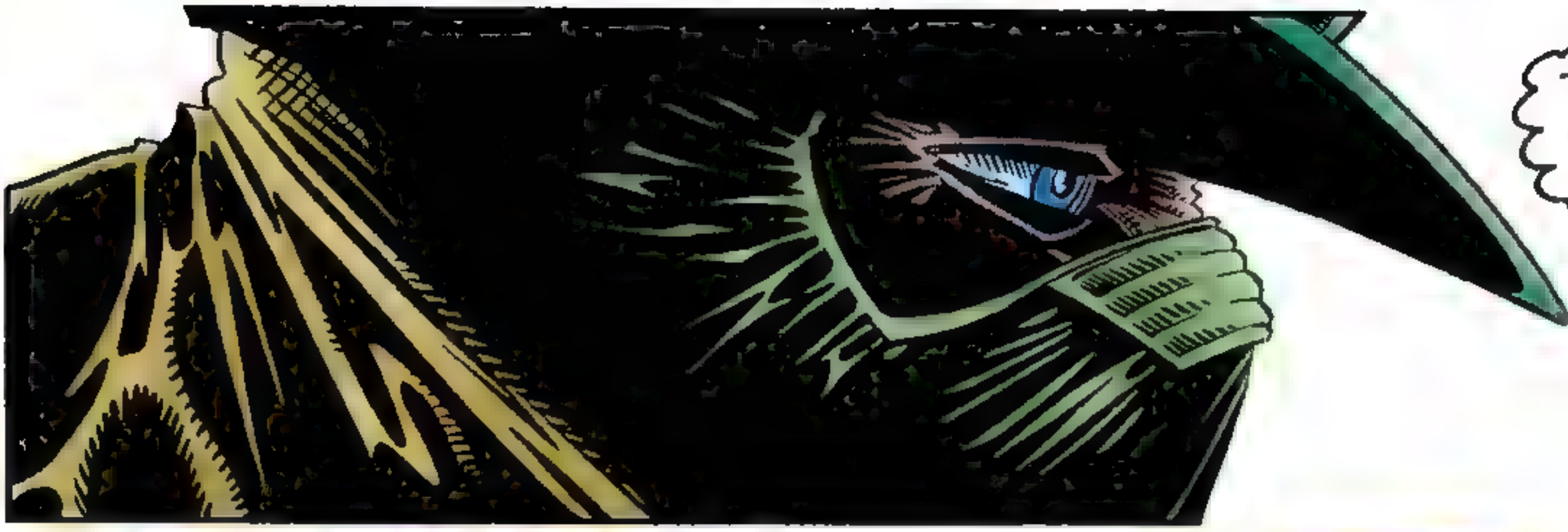
I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT HE WAS LIKE **UNDER** THE MASK, THAT'S ALL.

AND, HECK... I'D PROBABLY BE **DISAPPOINTED** IF I FOUND OUT, RIGHT?

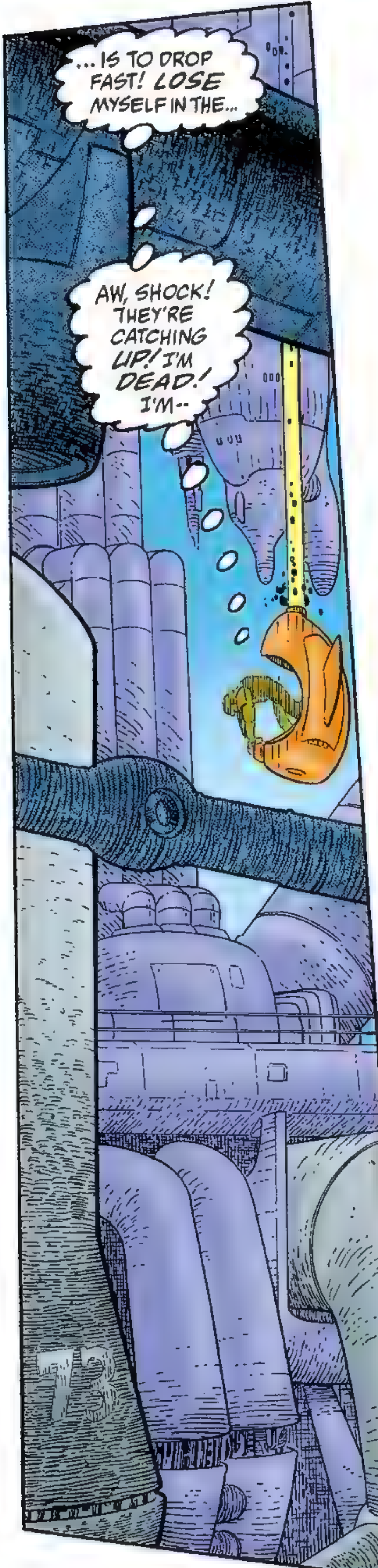
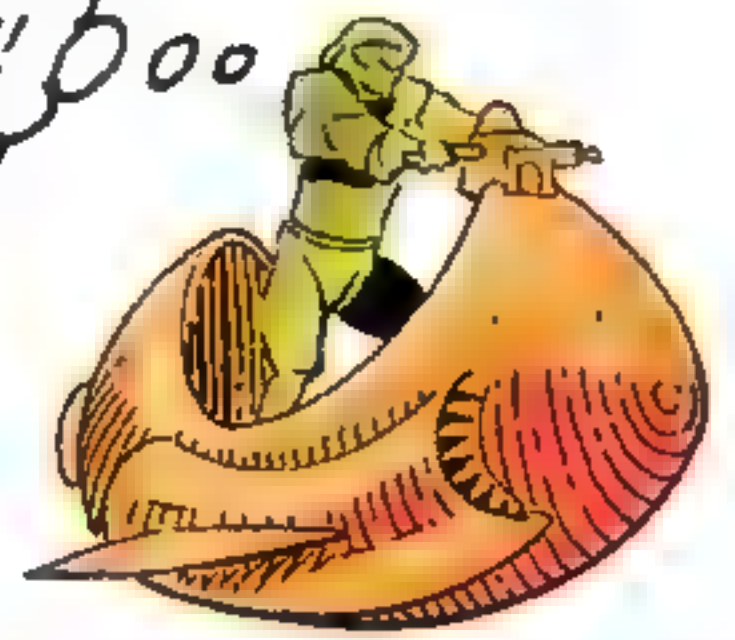
YEAH, **RIGHT**.





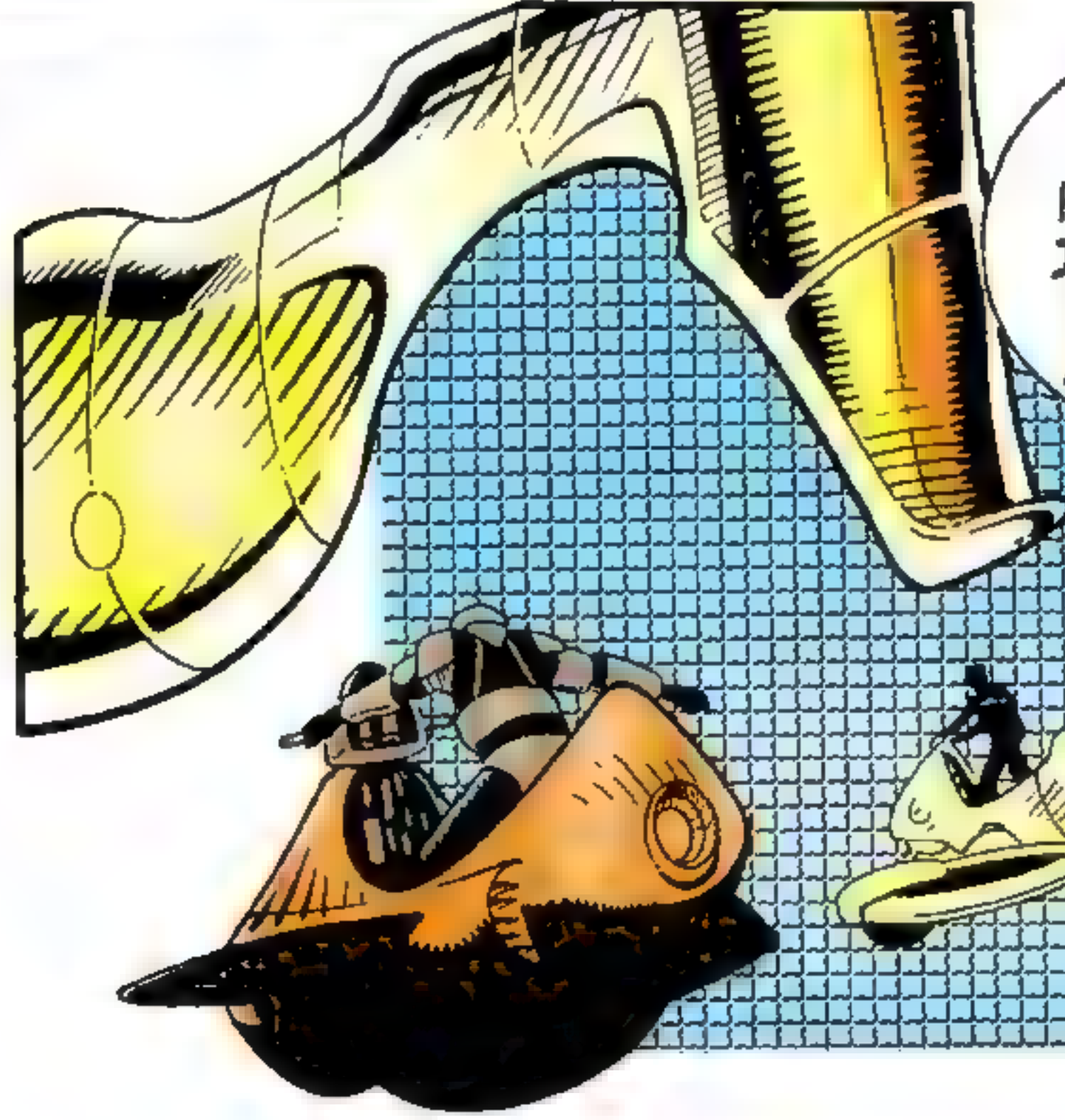


THEY FIGURED IT
OUT SOMEHOW!!
ONLY HOPE...



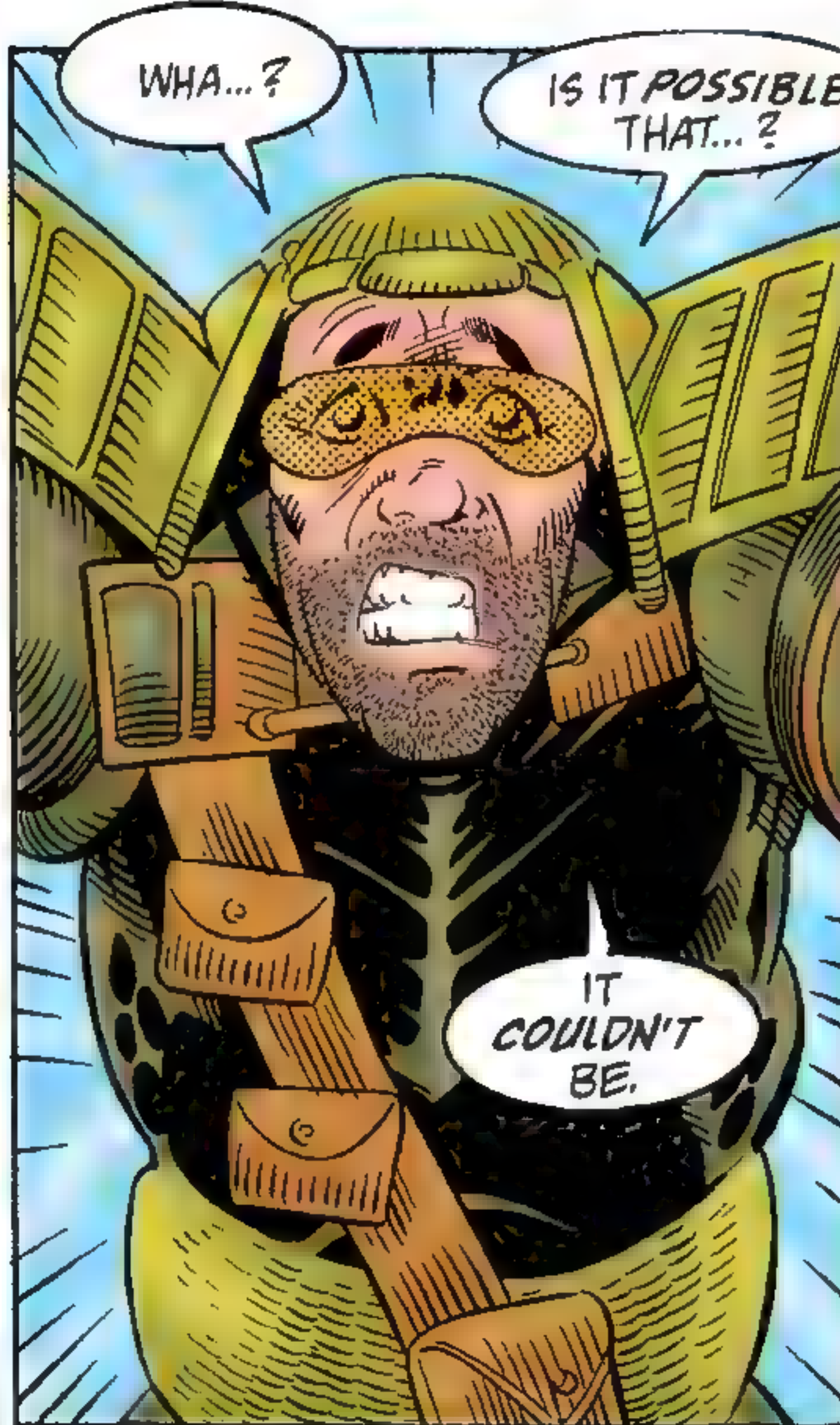
...IS TO DROP
FAST! LOSE
MYSELF IN THE...

AW, SHOCK!
THEY'RE
CATCHING
UP! I'M
DEAD!
I'M--



PUGLISI!
THAT'S THE
KIND OF SPIRIT
I'D LIKE TO SEE
OUT OF YOU
MORE OFTEN!

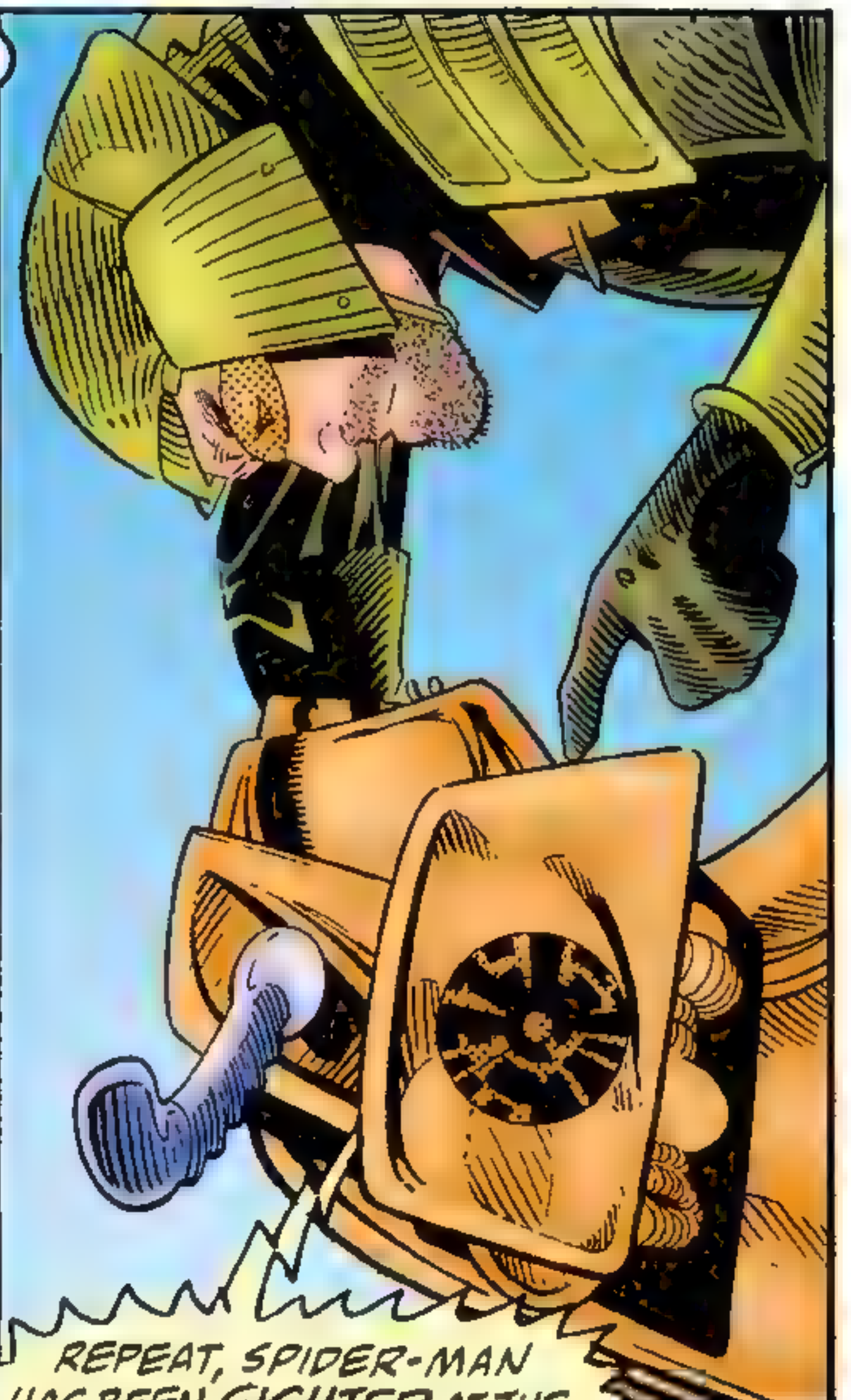
CHARGING STRAIGHT
INTO A FIGHT! LEAD THE
WAY TO THE MALL!



WHA...?

IS IT POSSIBLE
THAT...?

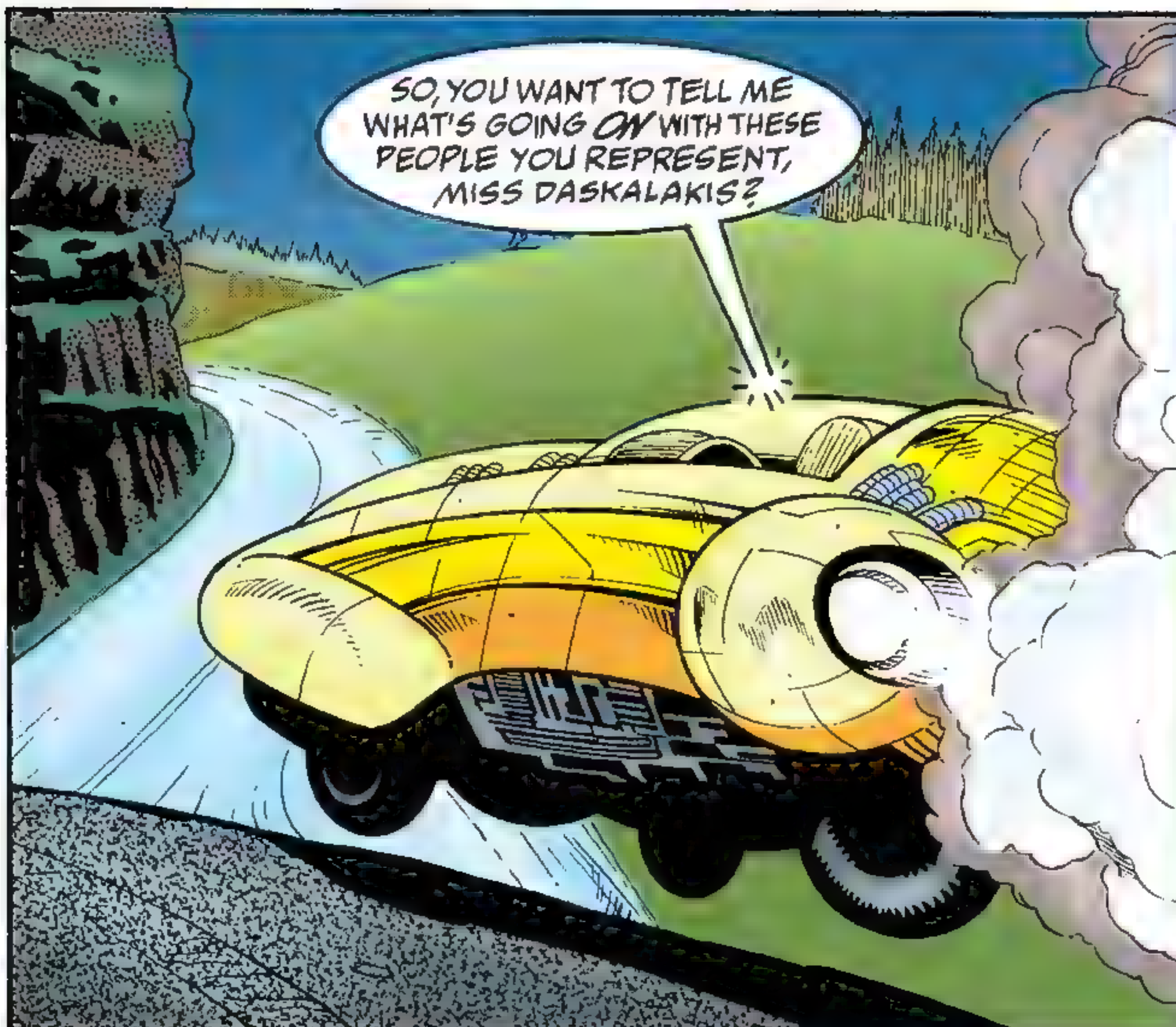
IT
COULDN'T
BE.



REPEAT, SPIDER-MAN
HAS BEEN SIGHTED AT THE
LINCOLN MALL WALKABOUT.
USE MINIMAL FORCE, BUT
PROCEED AND APPREHEND
WITH CAUTION. HE HAS A
AAA-1 DANGER RATING.

APPREHEND...
SPIDER-MAN?

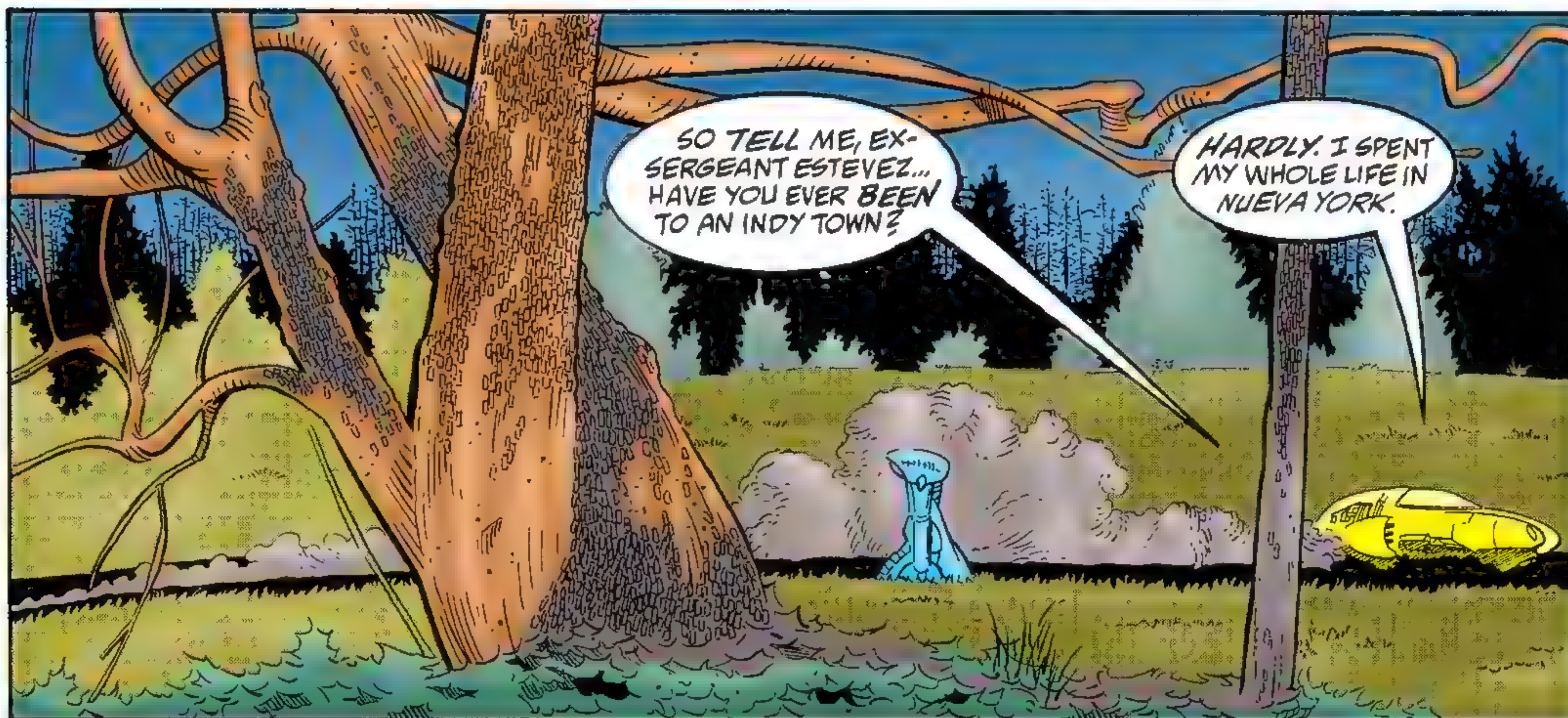
WHAT'S GOING
ON AROUND
HERE?



SO, YOU WANT TO TELL ME
WHAT'S GOING *ON* WITH THESE
PEOPLE YOU REPRESENT,
MISS DASKALAKIS?

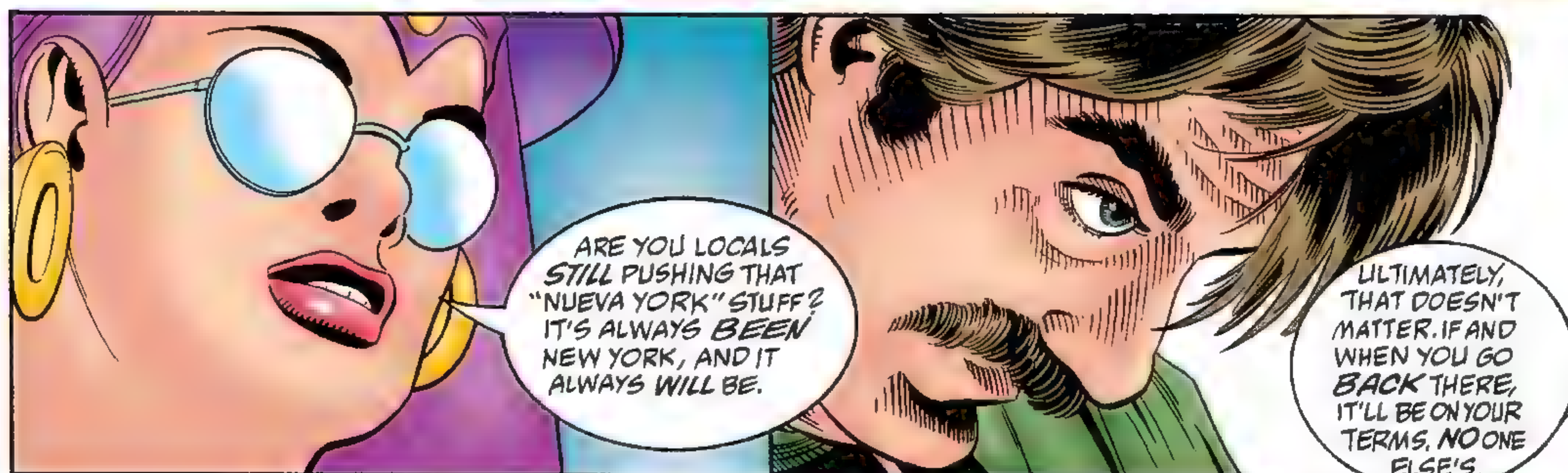


OHHHH...
IN A BIT.



SO TELL ME, EX-
SERGEANT ESTEVEZ...
HAVE YOU EVER BEEN
TO AN INDY TOWN?

HARDLY. I SPENT
MY WHOLE LIFE IN
NUEVA YORK.



ARE YOU LOCALS
STILL PUSHING THAT
"NUEVA YORK" STUFF?
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN
NEW YORK, AND IT
ALWAYS WILL BE.

ULTIMATELY,
THAT DOESN'T
MATTER. IF AND
WHEN YOU GO
BACK THERE,
IT'LL BE ON YOUR
TERMS. NO ONE
ELSE'S.



YOU CAN CALL IT
NEW YORK...
NUEVA YORK...

...RICOVILLE,
IF YOU'VE A
MIND TO.

SO FAR, ALCHEMAX HAS LEFT US ALONE. WE HAVEN'T HAD ANYTHING THEY REALLY WANTED.

BUT RECENTLY WE'VE MADE SOME MAJOR BREAKTHROUGHS IN CROSS-DIMENSIONAL QUANTUM THEORIES. IT COULD EVEN MEAN CRACKING THE LIGHT BARRIER...

YOU ARE NOW ENTERING NIGHTSHADE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

...RECAPTURING SOME OF THE TECH THAT WAS LOST DURING THE CATASTROPHE AT THE END OF THE HEROIC AGE.

WHEN ALCHEMAX CATCHES WIND OF IT, YOU CAN BET THEY'LL TRY A HOSTILE TAKEOVER. WE HAVE TO BE READY TO DEFEND OURSELVES... AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN.

COUNT ME IN, MISS DASKALAKIS. AFTER WHAT THEY DID TO ME, I DON'T OWE THEM ANYTHING.

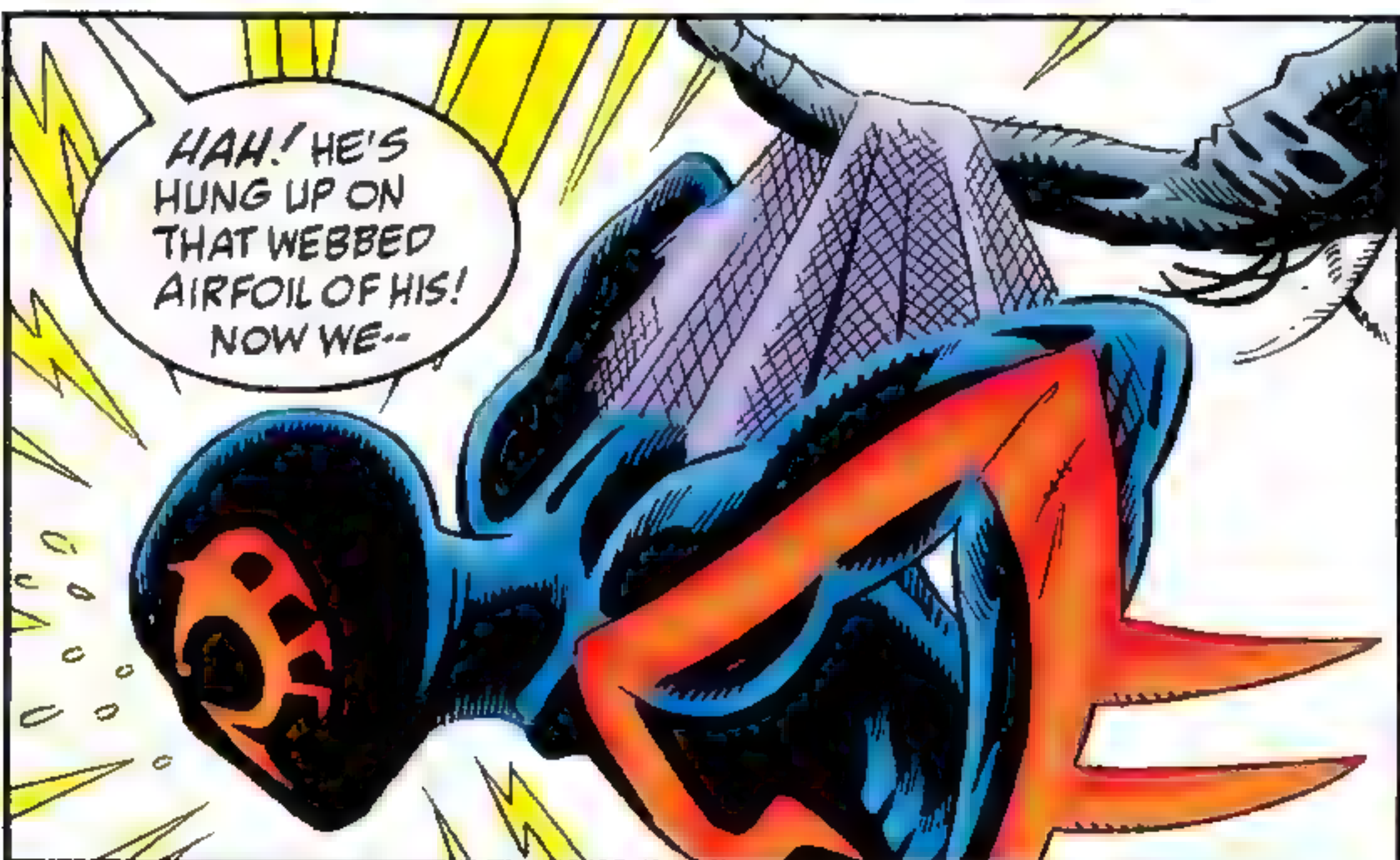
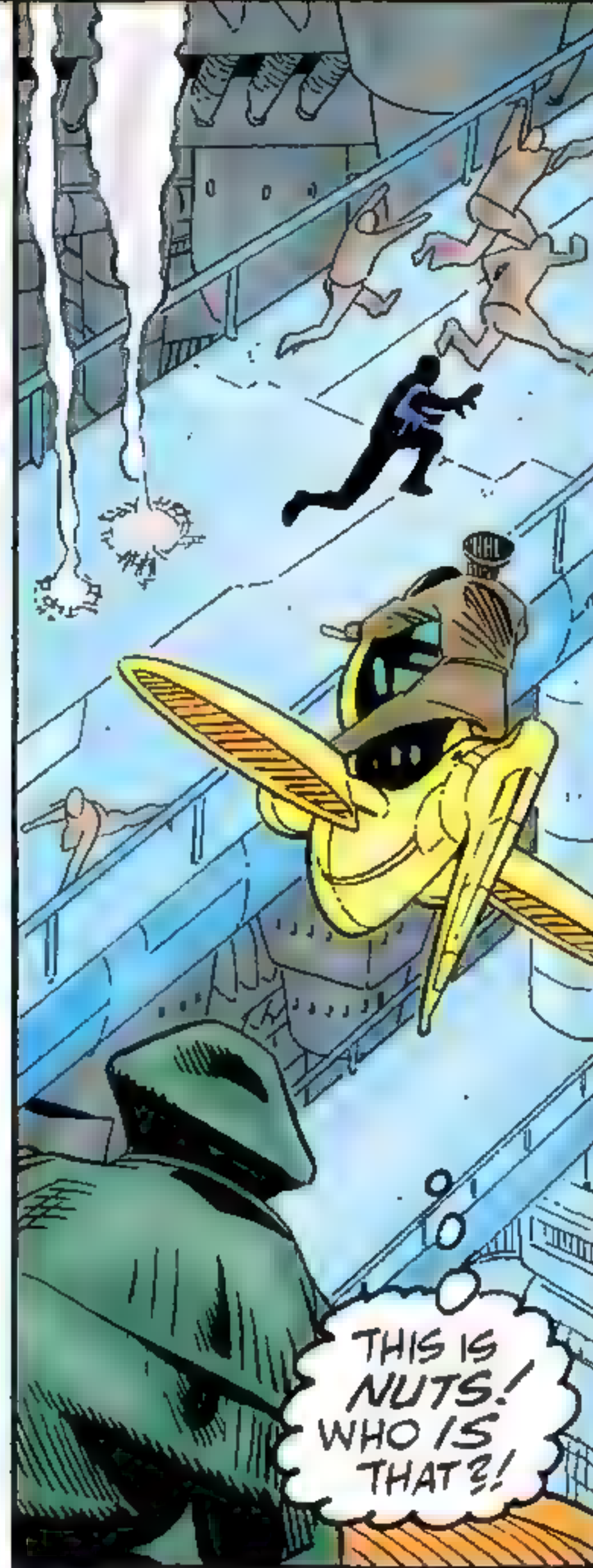
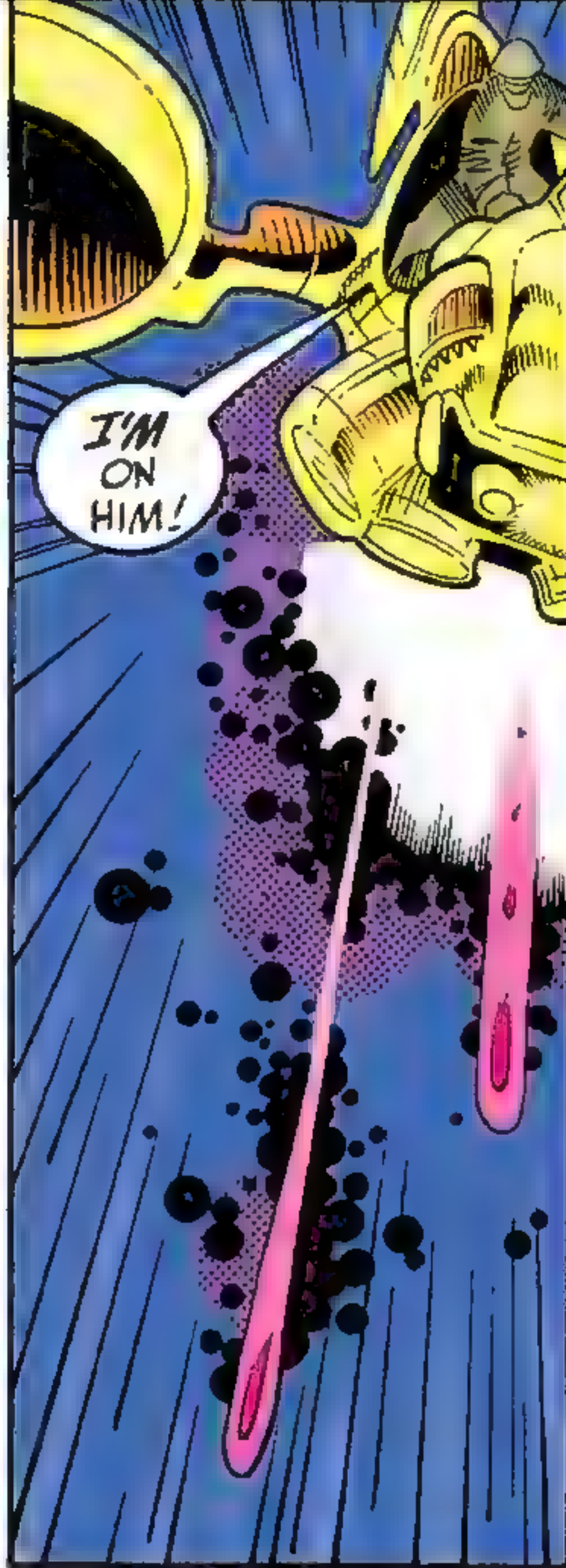
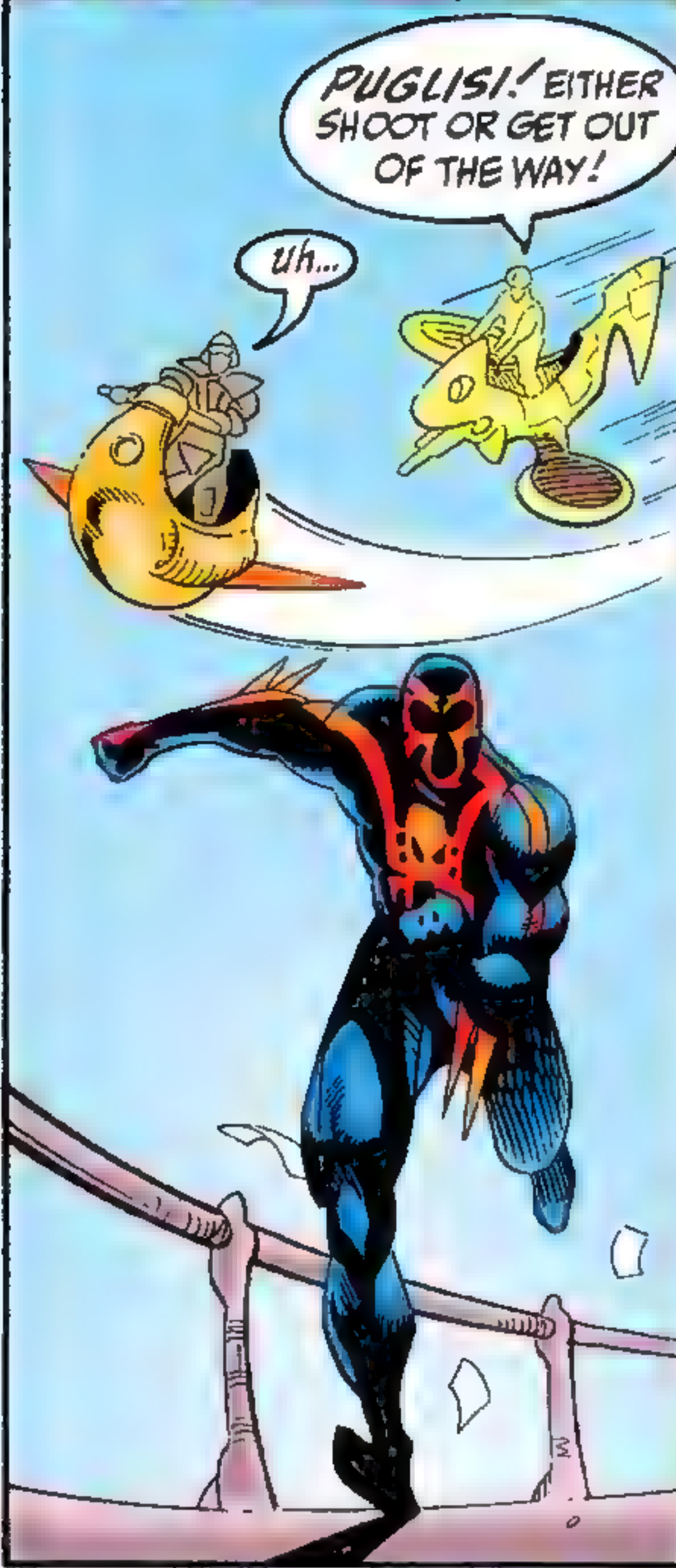
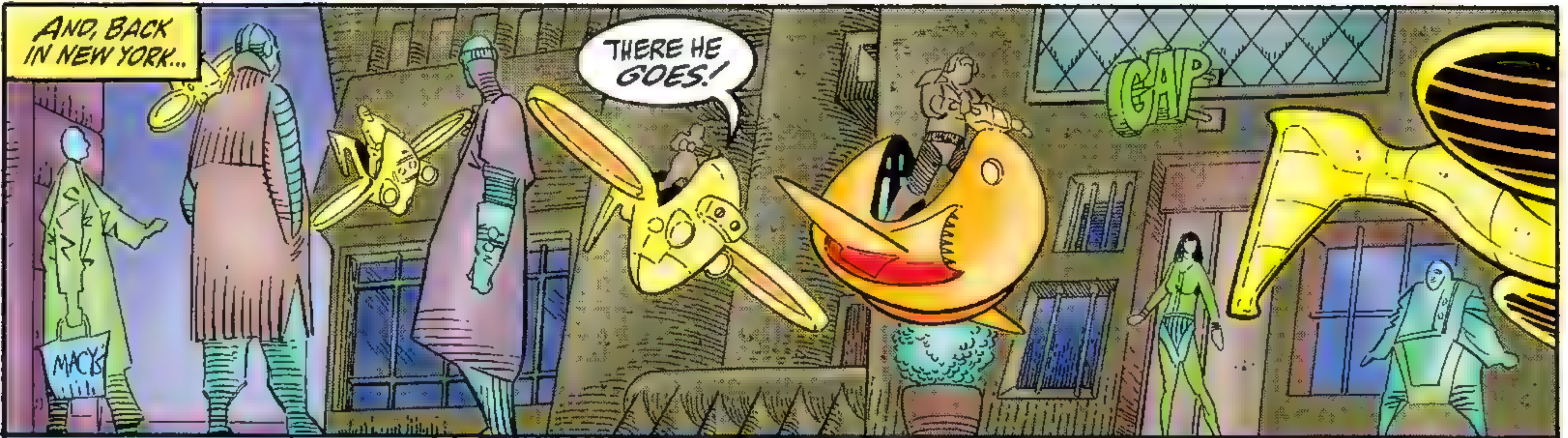
I'M GLAD YOU SAID THAT. AND, PLEASE, RICO... CALL ME ANGELA.

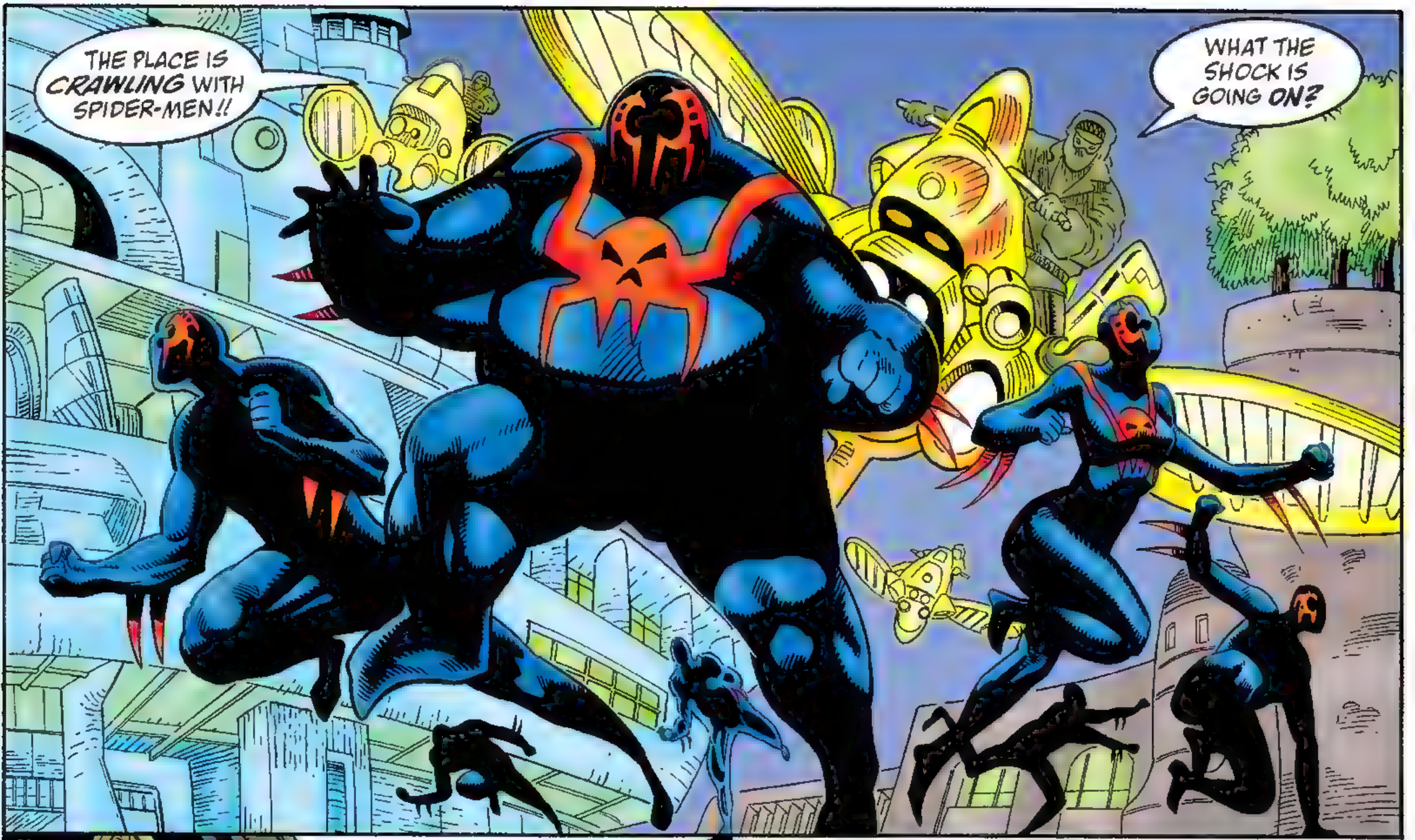
GOOD. I WAS BREAKING MY TONGUE ON YOUR LAST NAME.

FINAL CHANCE TO BACK OUT, RICO.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?

ANGELA, I WOULDN'T MISS IT FOR THE WORLD.





THE PLACE IS
CRAWLING WITH
SPIDER-MEN!!

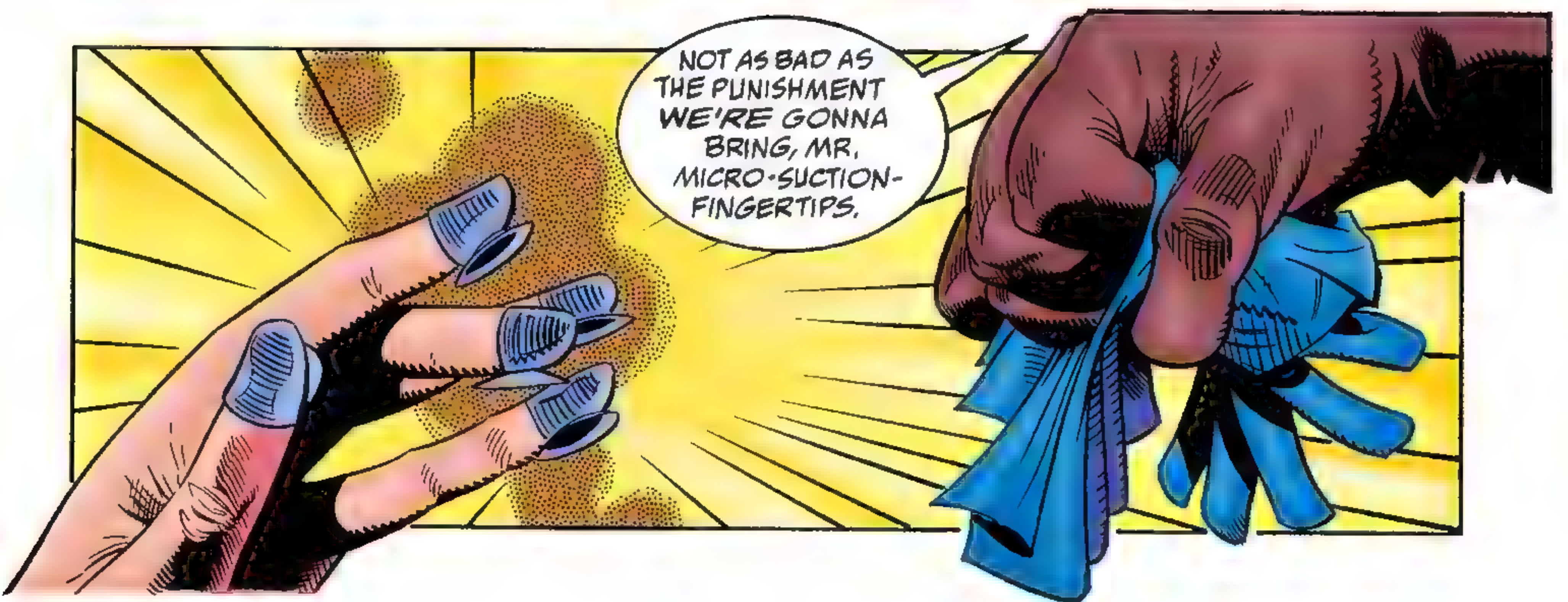
WHAT THE
SHOCK IS
GOING ON?

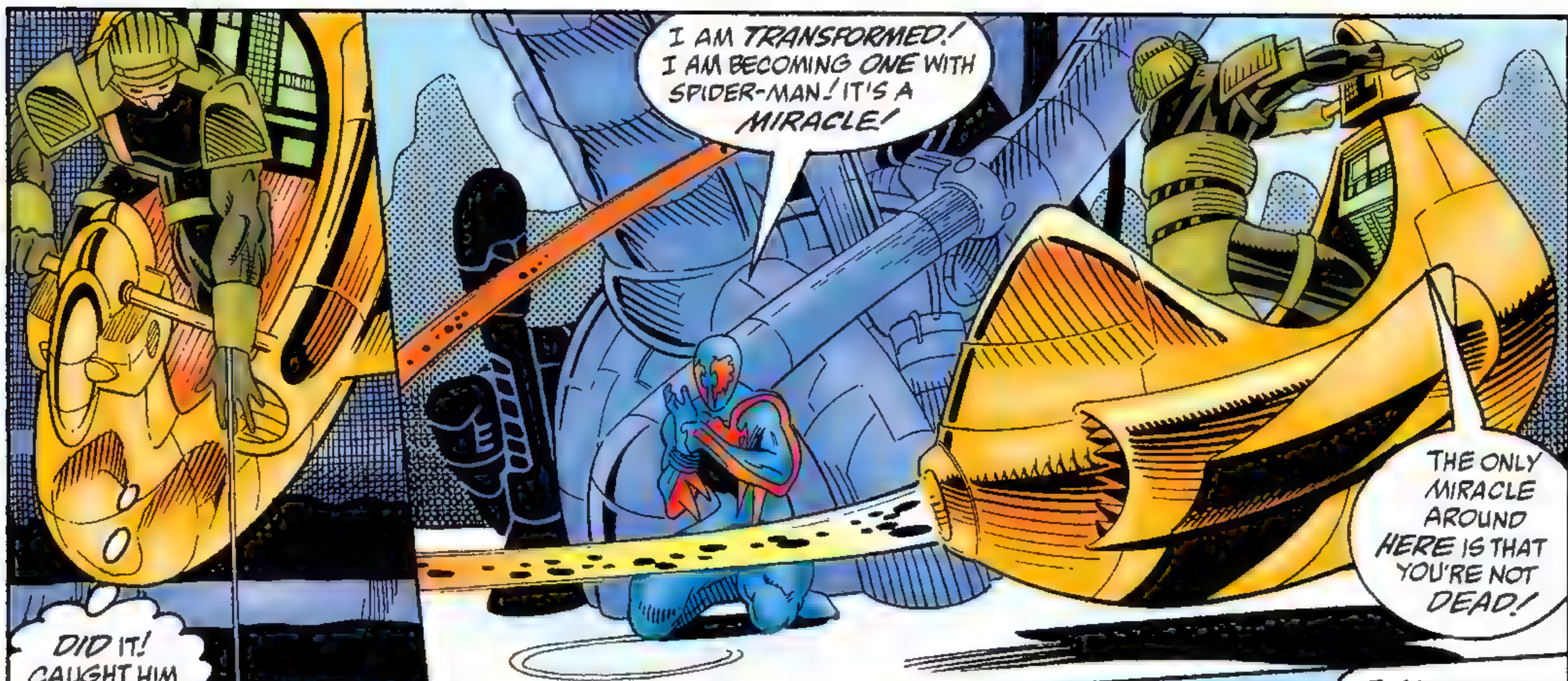


I HAVE
THE SICK
FEELING
I KNOW.
BUT FIRST
THINGS
FIRST.

EVEN FROM HERE,
I CAN TELL THAT STUFF
HE HAD ON HIS BACK
ISN'T LIGHT BYTE
CLOTH.

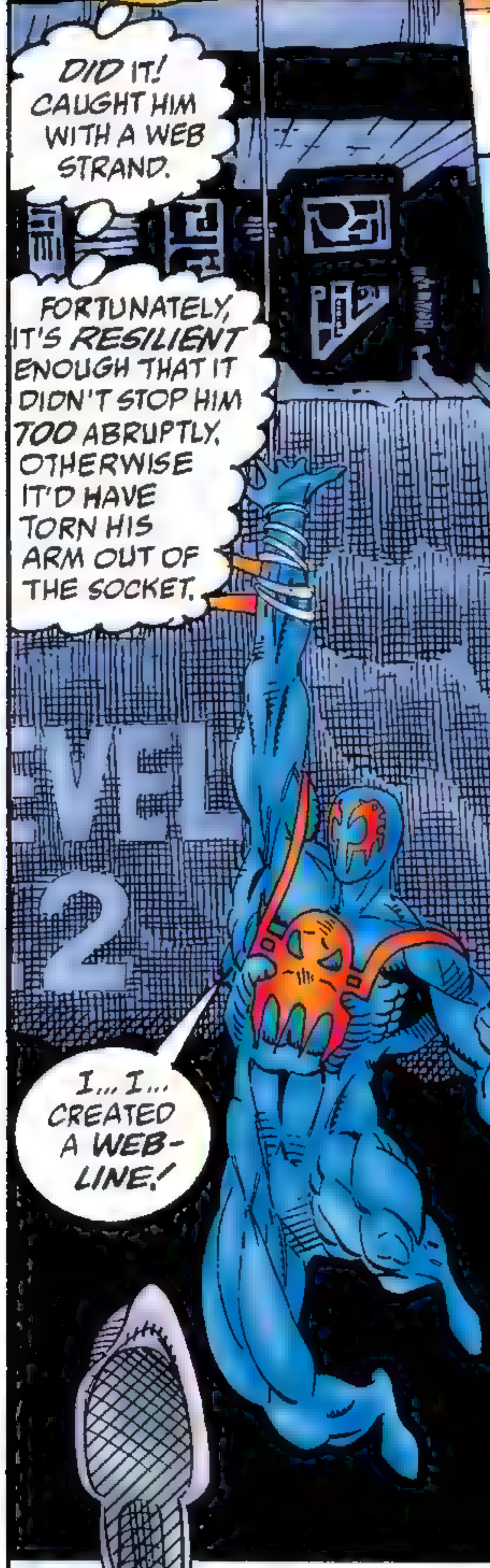
IF I DON'T
CATCH UP WITH
HIM, HE'S GOING
TO BE SPIDER-
SPLAT.





I AM TRANSFORMED!
I AM BECOMING ONE WITH
SPIDER-MAN! IT'S A
MIRACLE!

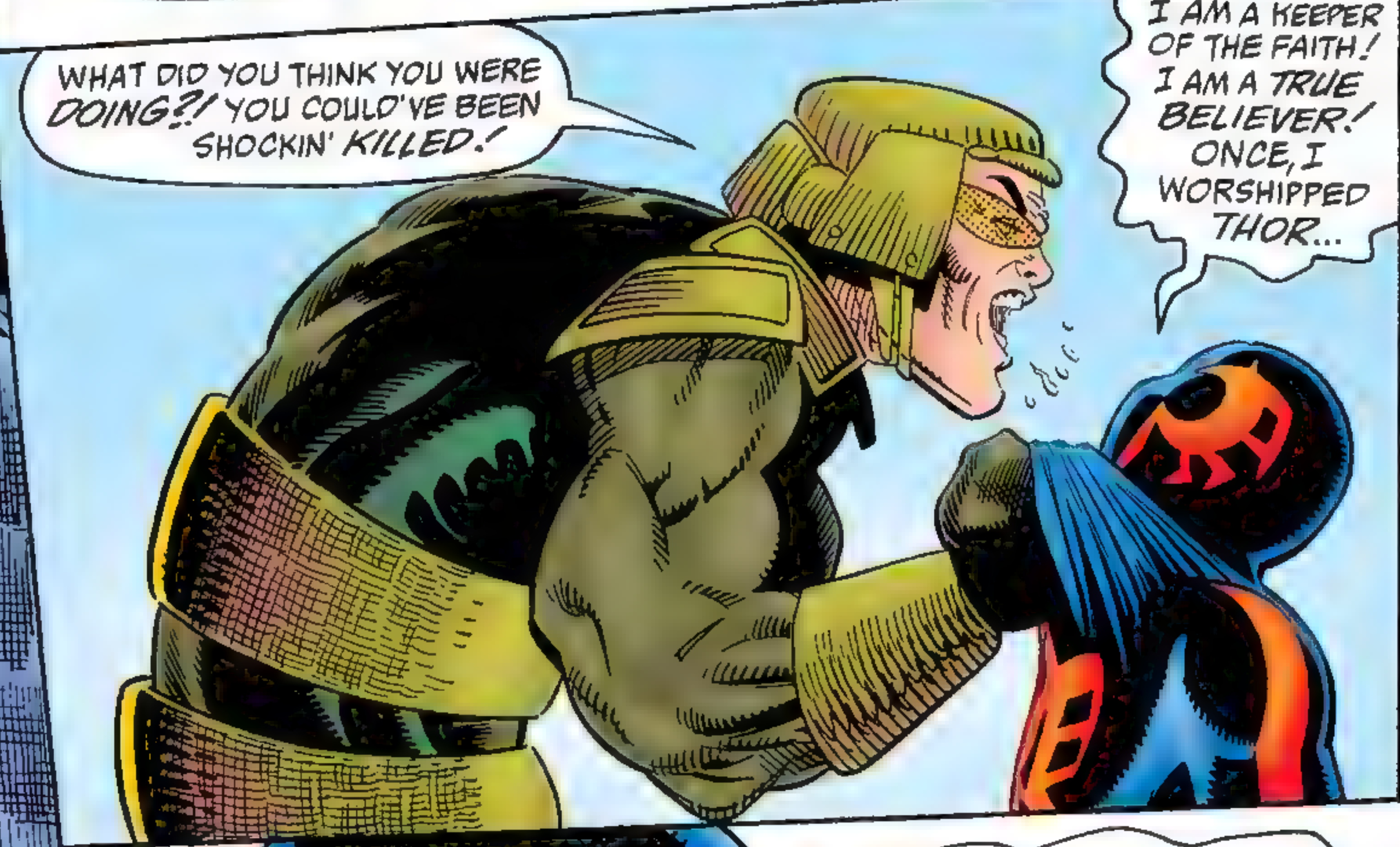
THE ONLY
MIRACLE
AROUND
HERE IS THAT
YOU'RE NOT
DEAD!



DID IT!
CAUGHT HIM
WITH A WEB
STRAND.

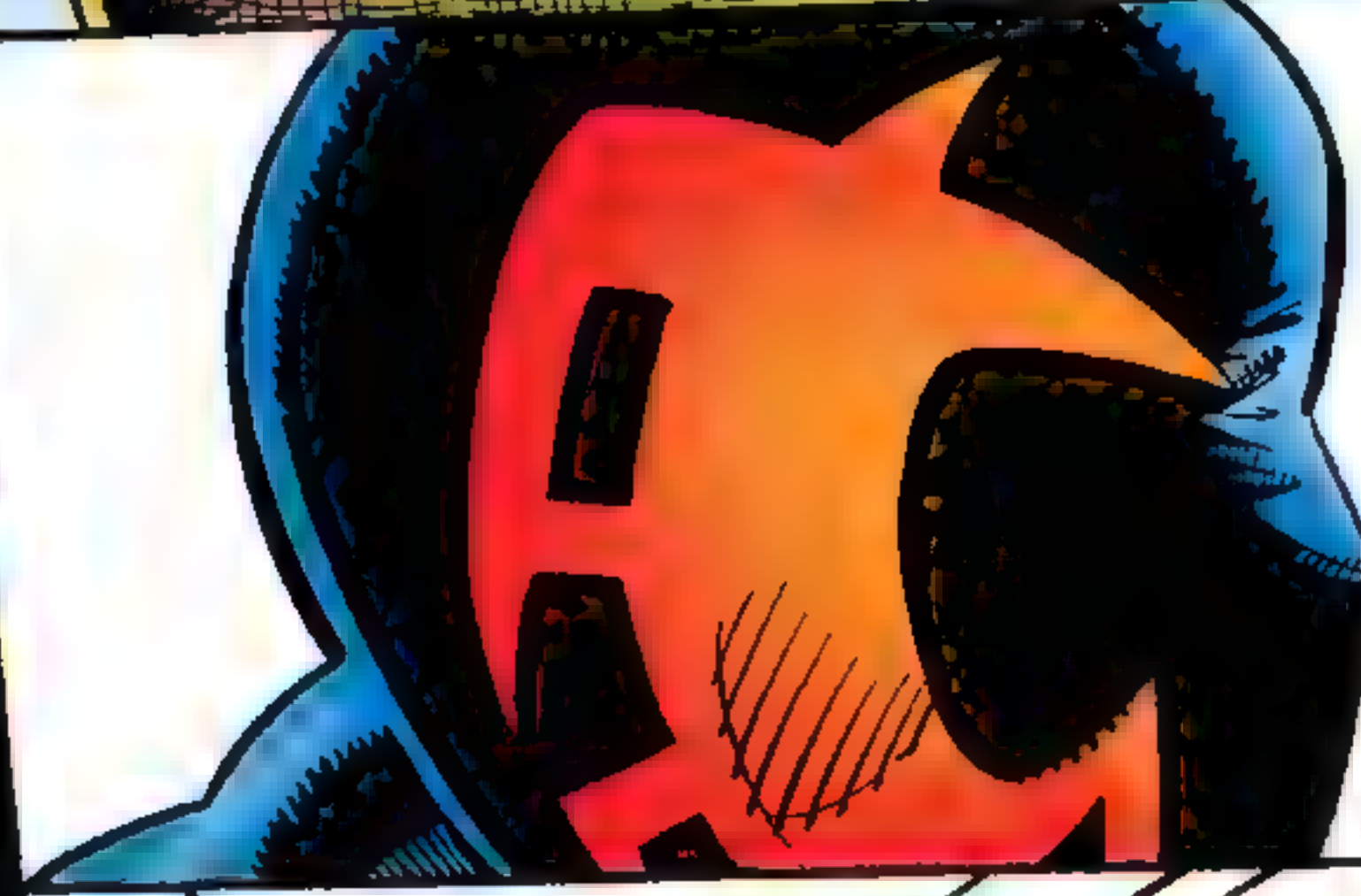
FORTUNATELY,
IT'S RESILIENT
ENOUGH THAT IT
DIDN'T STOP HIM
TOO ABRUPTLY.
OTHERWISE
IT'D HAVE
TORN HIS
ARM OUT OF
THE SOCKET.

I... I...
CREATED
A WEB-
LINE!



WHAT DID YOU THINK YOU WERE
DOING?! YOU COULD'VE BEEN
SHOCKIN' KILLED!

I AM A KEEPER
OF THE FAITH!
I AM A TRUE
BELIEVER!
ONCE, I
WORSHIPPED
THOR...

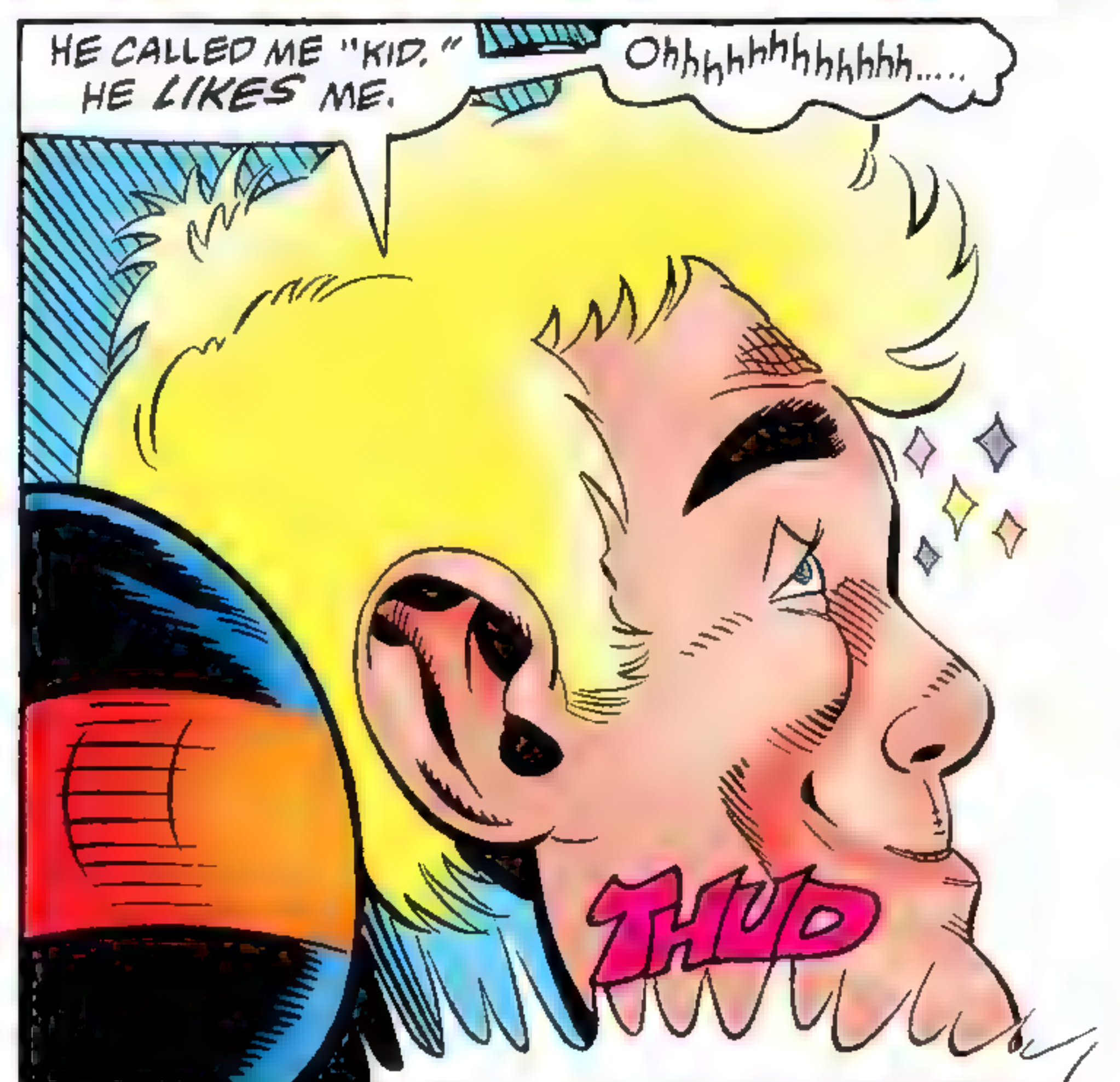
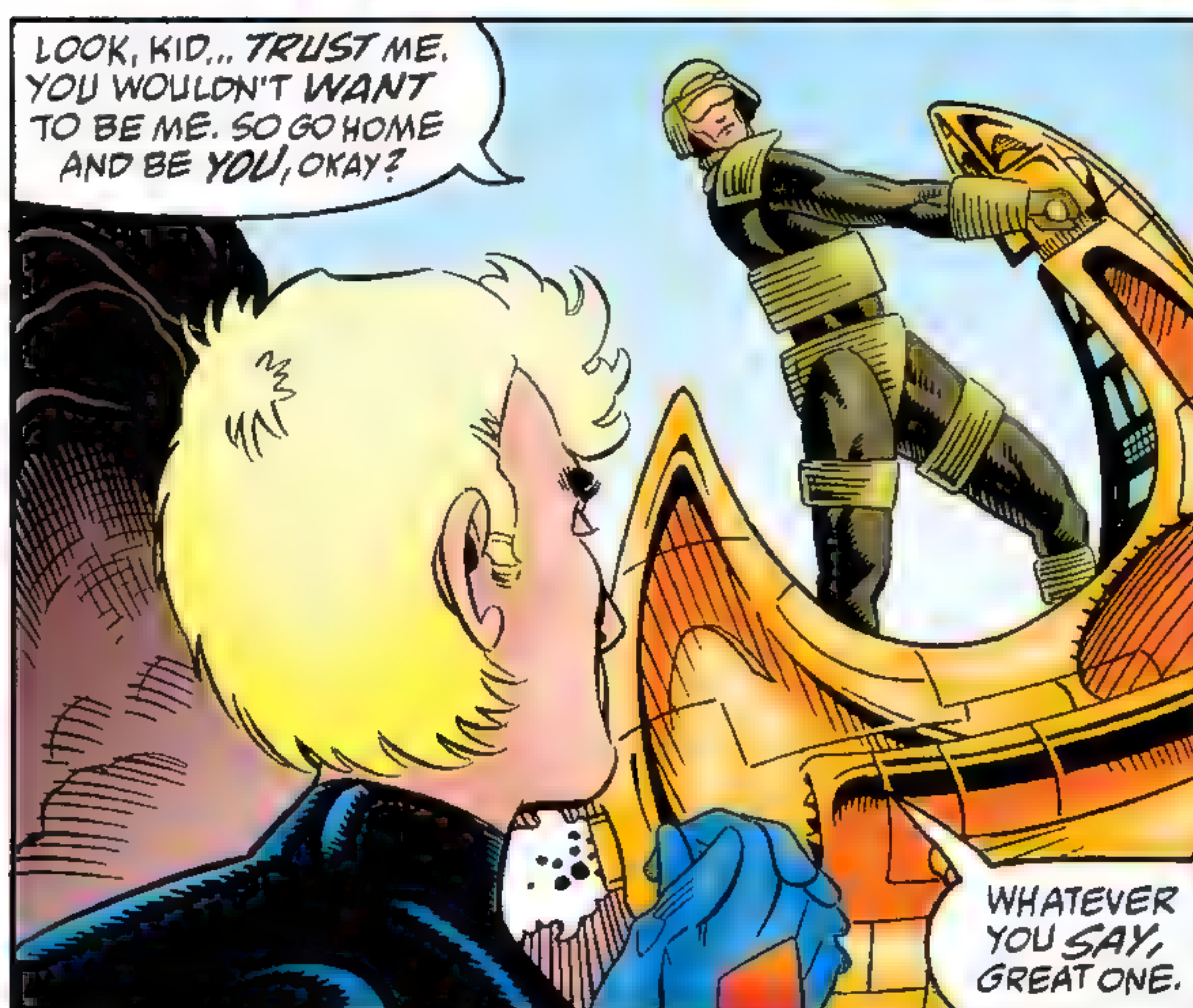
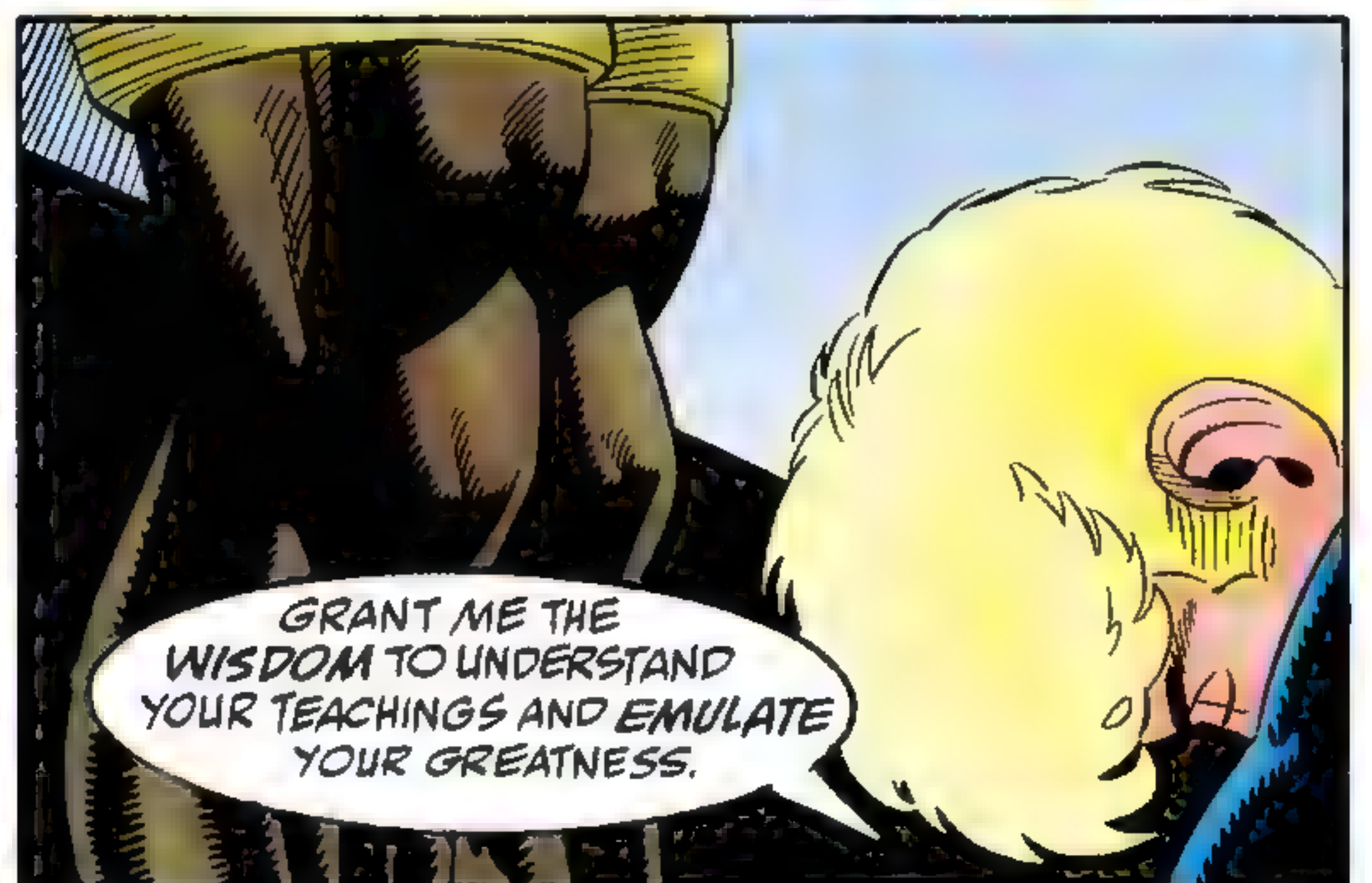
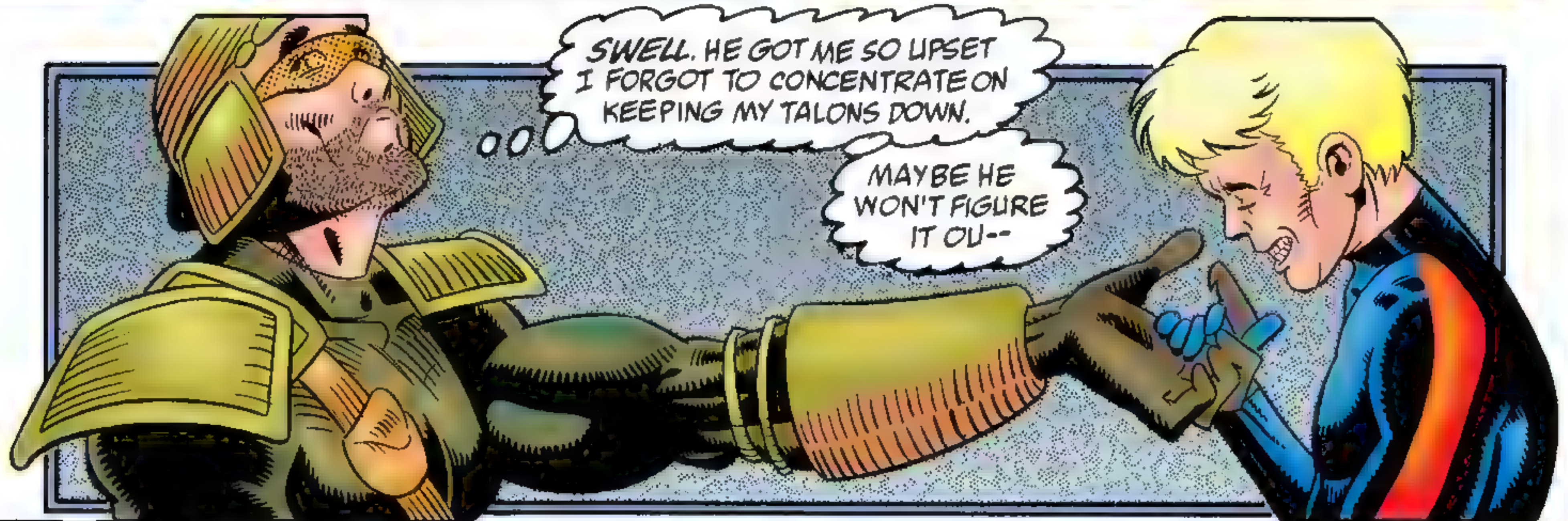
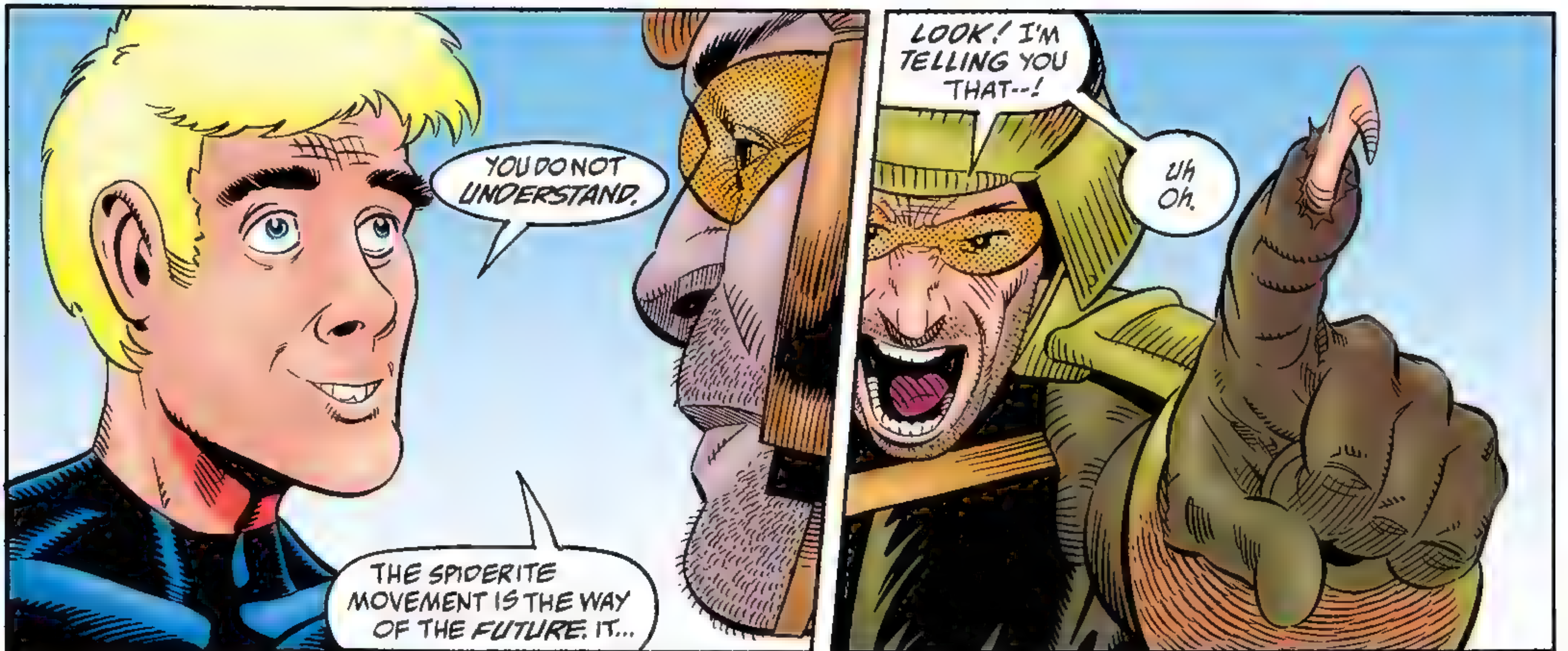


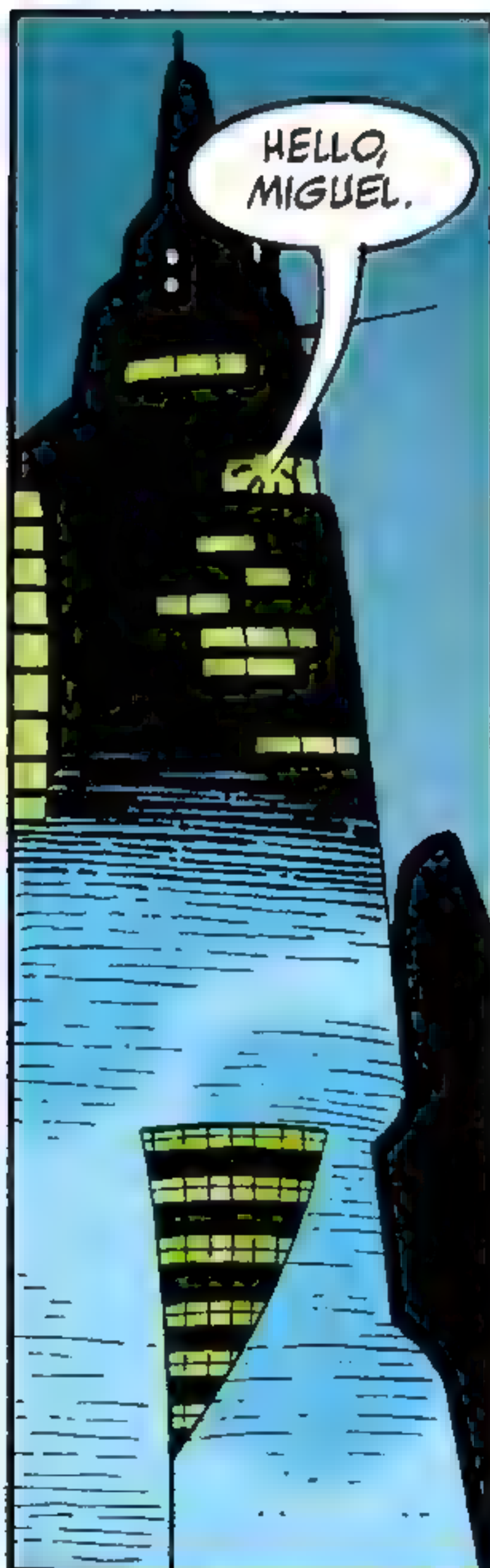
... BUT NOW I, AND OTHERS
OF MY BRETHREN UNDER-
STAND! WE WORSHIP SPIDER-
MAN, THE TRUE WORD OF
THOR ON EARTH! FACE
FRONT!

LOOK, THIS
ISN'T A GAME,
OKAY?



GO HOME. BURN
THIS OUTFIT. AND
NEVER PRETEND
YOU'RE SPIDER-MAN
AGAIN.





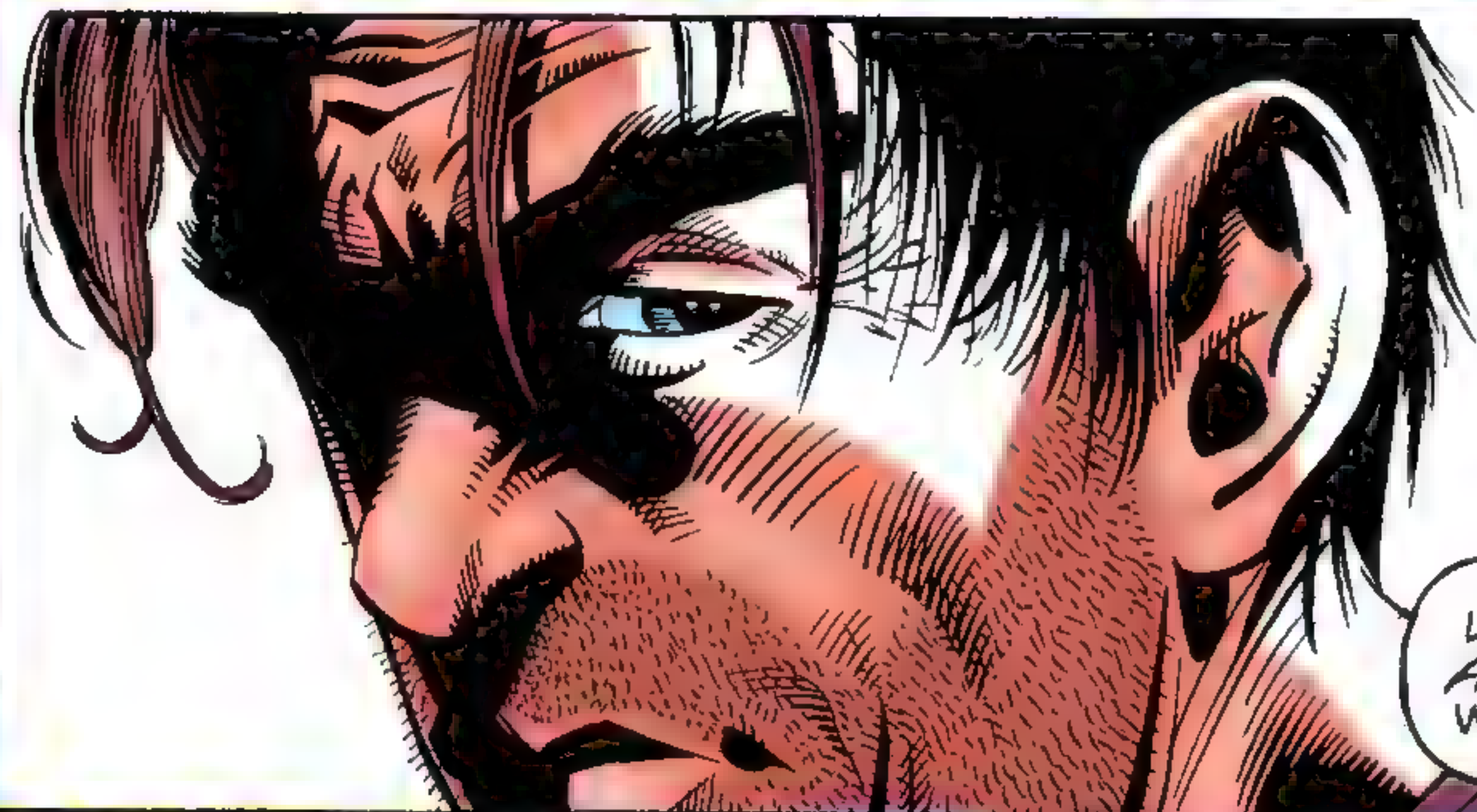
HELLO,
MIGUEL.



THERE ARE FOUR MESSAGES
AND A METRO EXPRESS
PACKAGE FOR YOU.

EVEN WITH THE
HELMET ON, YOU
KNOW ME IN A
SECOND. INCREDIBLE.

INSTANTANEOUS
RECOGNITION IS ONE
OF MY MORE ROUTINE
FUNCTIONS, MIGUEL.



JUST OUT OF
CURIOSITY, LYLA...
IS THERE ANY CIR-
CUMSTANCE UNDER
WHICH YOU WOULDN'T
I.D. ME?

OF COURSE. IF ALL YOUR
LIFE FUNCTIONS HAD STOPPED
AND YOUR HANDS AND FEET
WERE SEVERED FROM YOUR
BODY...



... AND YOUR
EYES WERE
GOUGED OUT
AND YOUR
TEETH WERE
BROKEN.



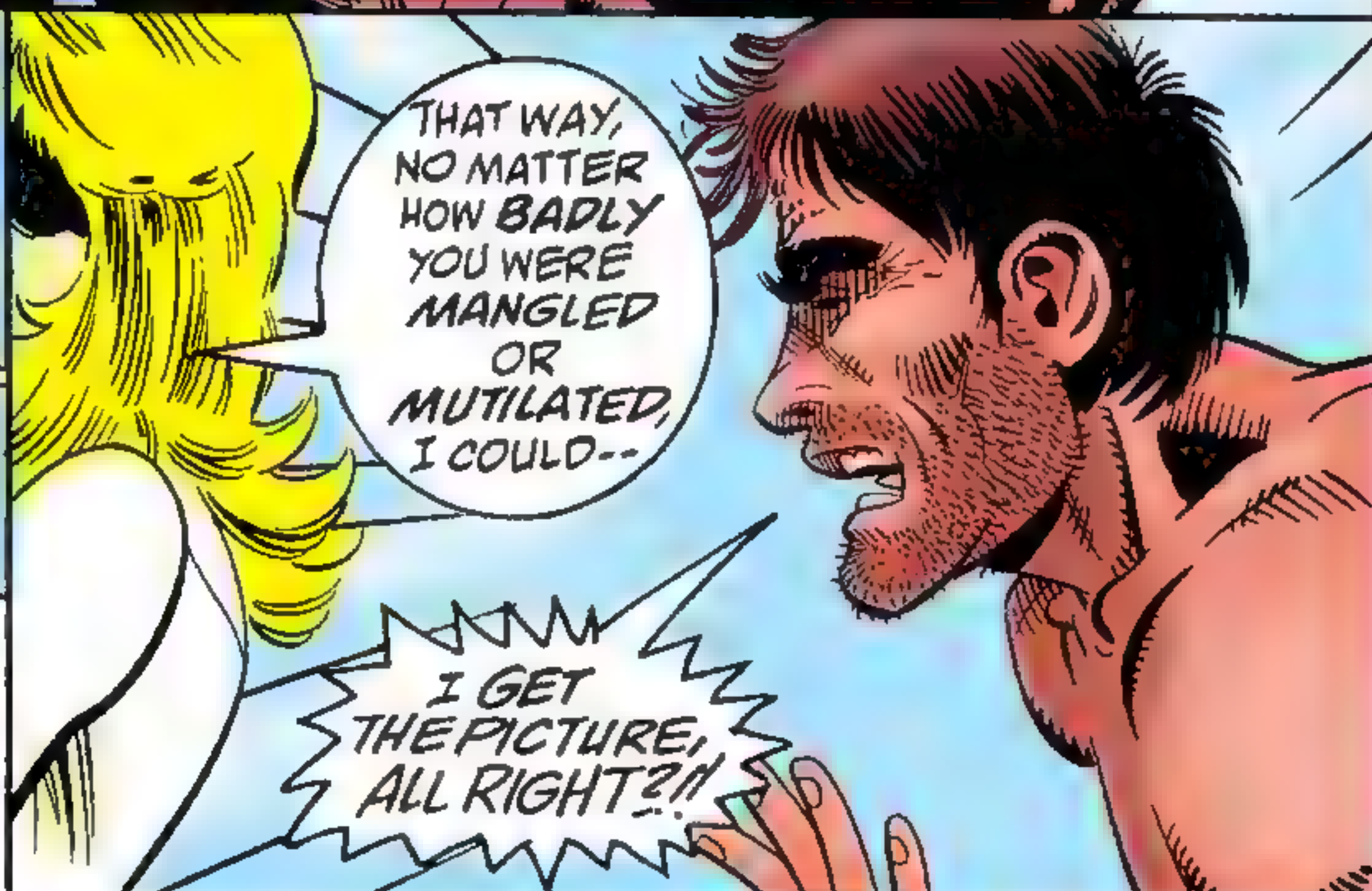
SWELL.
DRAW ME A
BATH,
WOULD YA?



OR IF YOU WERE
INCINERATED. THAT
WOULD DO IT.

OKAY,
THANKS.

YOU
COULD
HAVE ME
UPGRADED
FOR
DNA SCANS.



THAT WAY,
NO MATTER
HOW BADLY
YOU WERE
MANGLED
OR
MUTILATED,
I COULD--

I GET
THE PICTURE,
ALL RIGHT?!!



YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
SHOUT
AT ME,
MIGUEL!



YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACT LIKE I HAVE NO FEELINGS.



LYLA, YOU'RE A HOLOGRAPHIC COMPUTER AGENT. YOU DON'T HAVE FEELINGS.



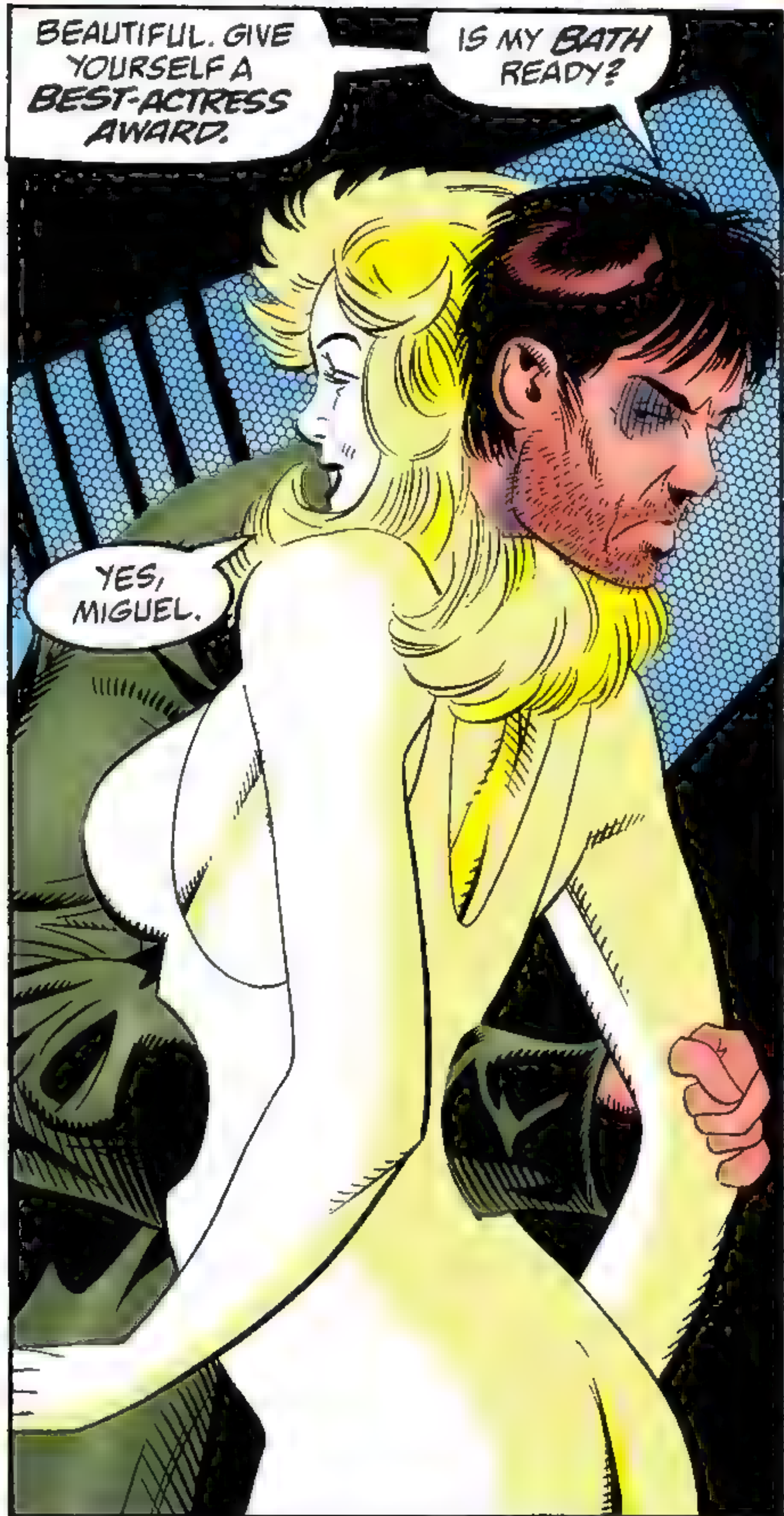
TRUE. BUT I'M PROGRAMMED TO SIMULATE THEM.

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO FAKE A JEALOUS TANTRUM?



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! YOU'VE BEEN SEEING ANOTHER SYSTEM! SOME BUBBLE-HEAD, WITH A BIGGER...

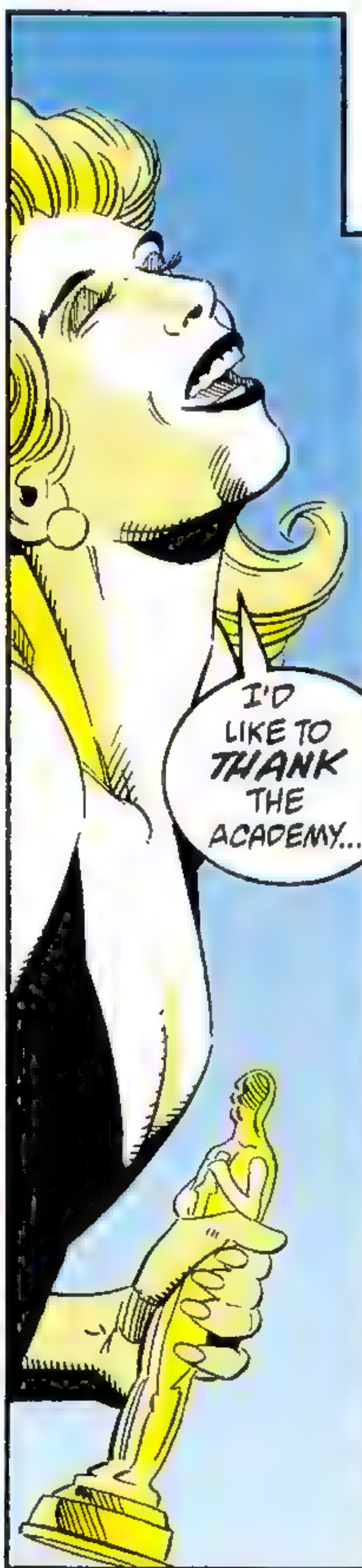
...MEMORY! MIGUEL, I THOUGHT WE HAD SOMETHING SPECIAL!



BEAUTIFUL. GIVE YOURSELF A BEST-ACTRESS AWARD.

IS MY BATH READY?

YES, MIGUEL.



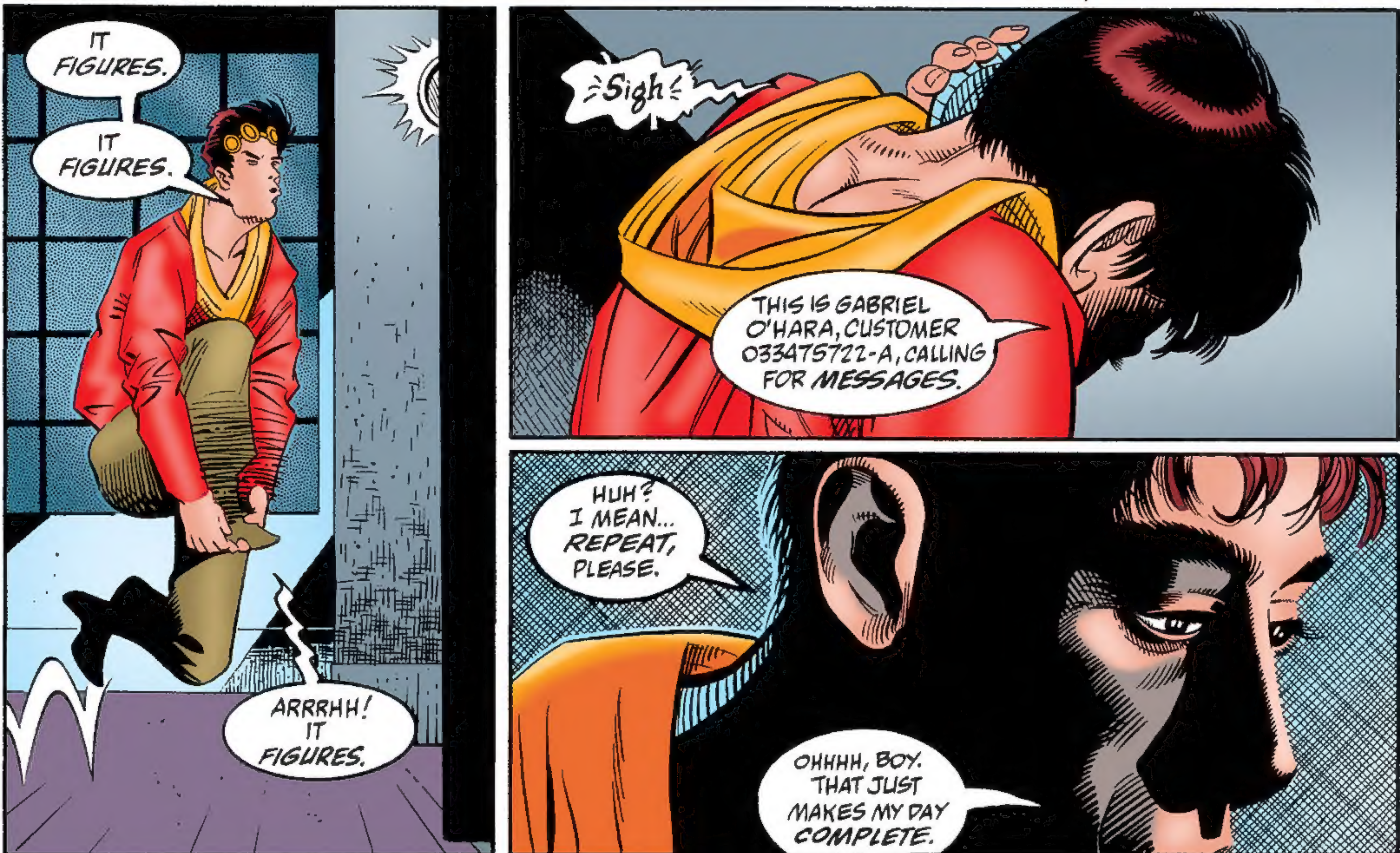
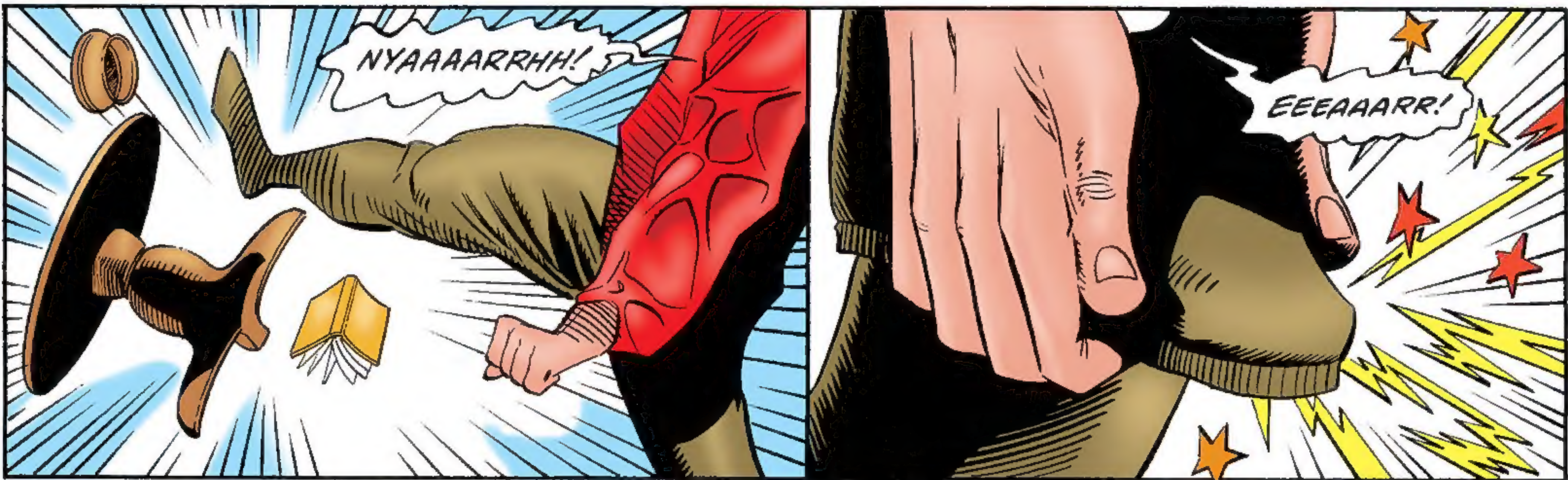
I'D LIKE TO THANK THE ACADEMY...



ONCE THE RESTORATIVE CREAM SOAKS IN, IT SHOULD REMOVE THE BRUISES.

AND THEN I'M GOING TO SOAK FOR A YEAR.

...AND MY PROGRAMMERS, WITHOUT WHOM I'D BE NOTHING...





AND...

AT
LAST...

HUH?



I'VE GOT
YOU WHERE
I WANT
YOU.



MIGUEL.

LOOK, DANA... I KNOW I'VE BEEN
REAL HARD TO TRACK *DOWN*
LATELY. BUT THERE'S A *REASON*.



WHAT
IS IT?

OH, REALLY?
WHAT'S THE
REASON?



THAT'S RIGHT.
WHAT IS IT?

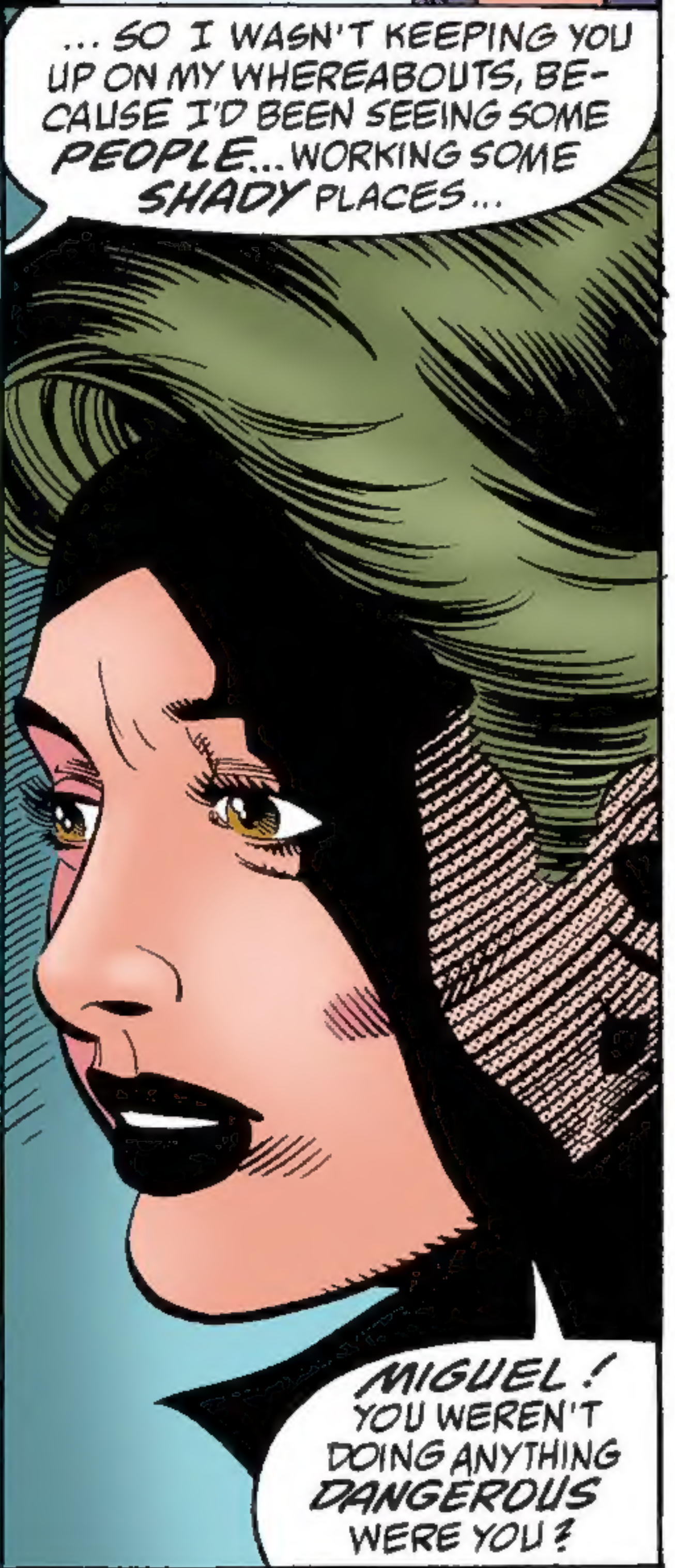


THE REASON...
IS THAT I WAS
DEVELOPING A
METHOD OF...

OF
WHAT?

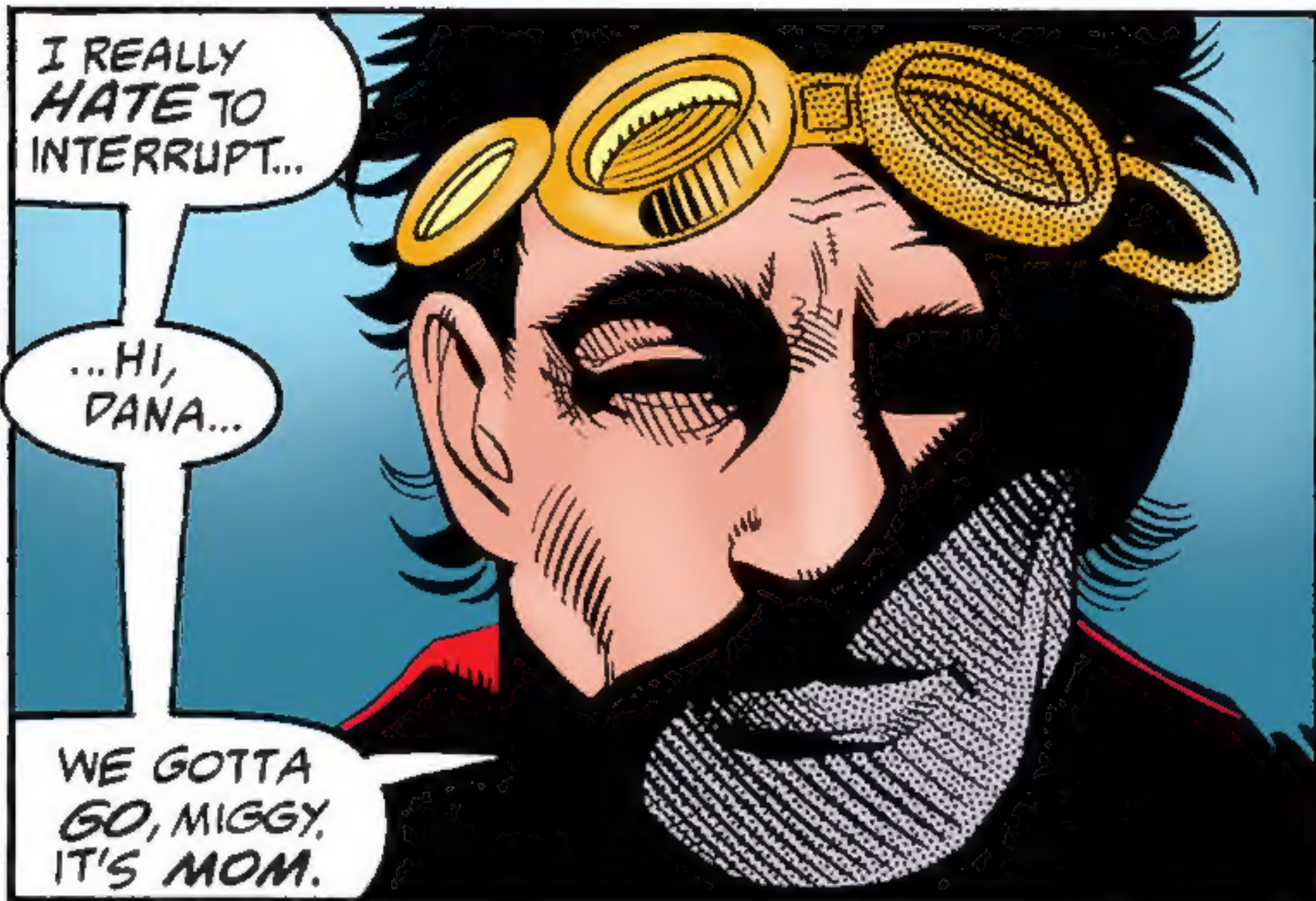
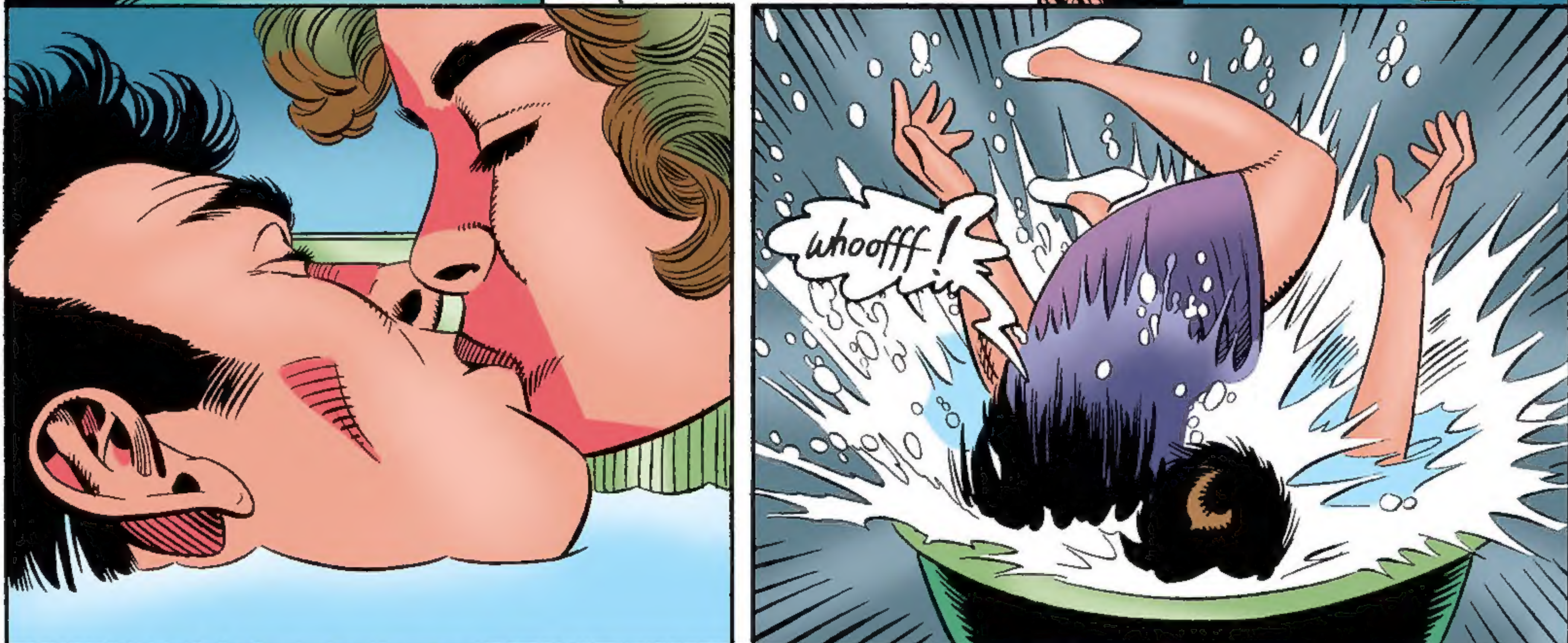
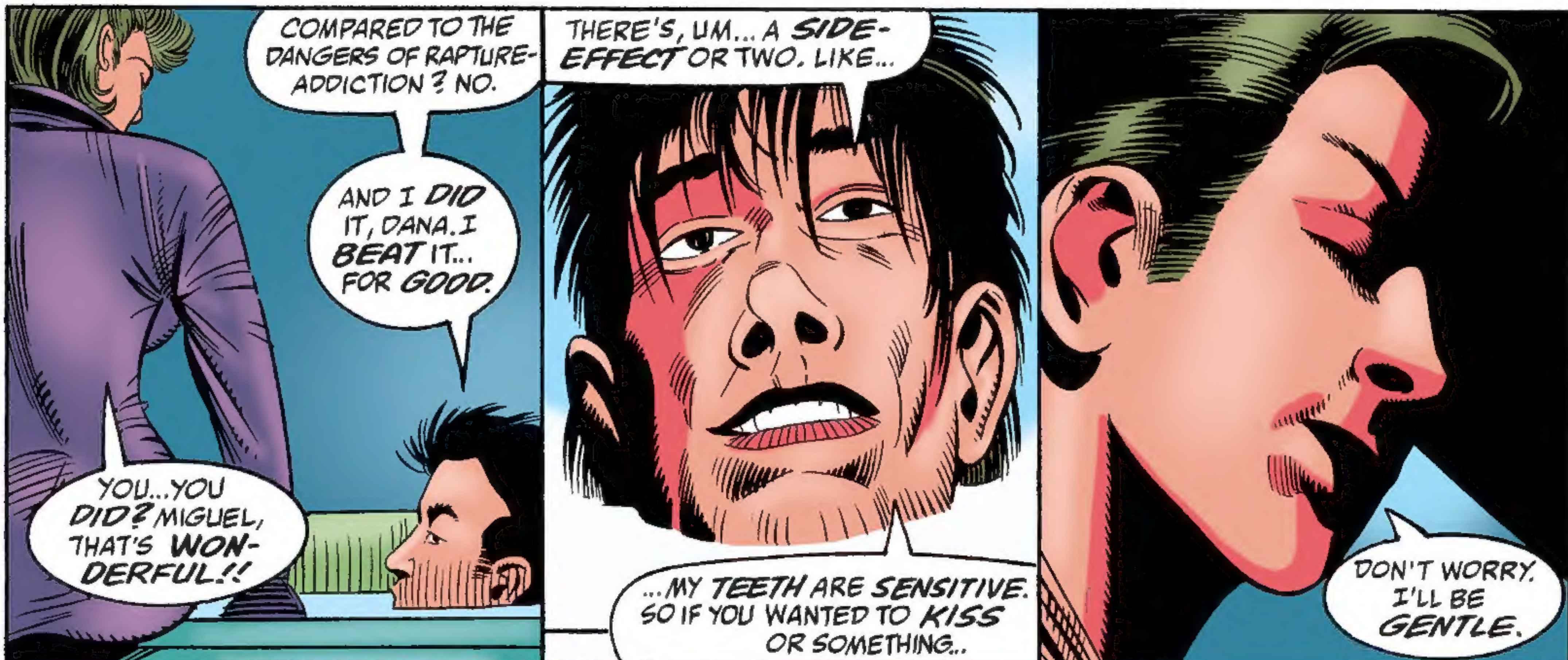


OF, UH... SHAKING THE
EFFECTS OF *RAPTURE*.
SO, UH...



... SO I WASN'T KEEPING YOU
UP ON MY WHEREABOUTS, BE-
CAUSE I'D BEEN SEEING SOME
PEOPLE... WORKING SOME
SHADY PLACES...

MIGUEL!
YOU WEREN'T
DOING ANYTHING
DANGEROUS
WERE YOU?





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